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HANKOW TROUBLE.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT "WATCHFUL."

More American Marines.

SHIP'S OFFICER RESCUES FOREIGN GIRL.

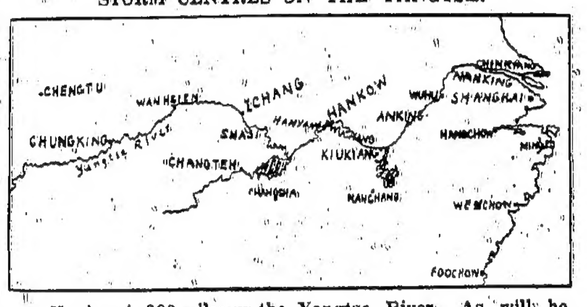
Latest news from the Yangtze is that the position generally is unchanged.

The British Government's attitude at the moment is one of watchfulness rather than general diplomatic action.

The United States is sending a detachment of 300 marines to China from Guam.

Details have reached Shanghai of a brave act performed by a British ship's officer in rescuing a foreign girl.

STORM CENTRES ON THE YANGTSE.



Hankow is 800 miles up the Yangtse River. As will be seen from this sketch map, Kiukiang is below (eastwards of) Hankow and the other storm centres. Shasi, Ichang and Chungking are further up. River vessels can go up 1,300 miles all the year round. H.M.S. "Hawkins" went to Hankow a few months ago but the River is not navigable for that distance just now. H.M.S. "Despatch," with Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt on board, is going to Nanking, a little above Shanghai.

OFFICER'S BRAVERY.

Rescues Foreign Girl.

Shanghai, Jan. 11.

A message from Hankow dated Jan. 10 states that the general situation on the Yangtse is unchanged.

The brave act of the second officer, N. J. Asquith, of the steamer "Tung Wo," is described by refugees arriving from Hankow yesterday.

Mr. Asquith went ashore to get a 12-year-old foreign girl from the Catholic Convent in the heart of the city. He was attacked by a mob whose leaders urged them to kill him.

Asquith fought his way through and gained entrance to the Convent by a ruse that he was a doctor and the child was sick.

He fought his way to the steamer through infuriated crowds, often fleeing with the child in his arms. Both reached the steamer uninjured.—Reuter.

"WATCHFULNESS."

British Government's Attitude.

London, Jan. 10.

Reuter learns that the British attitude to China is momentarily one of watchfulness rather than of general diplomatic action.

Moreover there is no movement in the direction of recognising the Cantonese Government.—Reuter.

MARINES FOR CHINA.

American Detachment Coming.

Washington, Jan. 10.

The Navy Department has announced that a detachment of 300 marines stationed at Guam is being immediately transported to China.—Reuter's American Service.

CLOSING OF BANKS.

Chinese Seriously Perturbed.

Rugby, Jan. 10.

Hankow is reported to have been calmer during the last two or three days.

The anti-British placards posted in the Concession have all been removed.

Mr. O'Malley from the British Legation at Peking, is expected to reach Hankow to-morrow.

The closing of the British banks and commercial premises has apparently reacted seriously to the disadvantage of the Chinese themselves, and their paramount desire at the moment is to persuade the British community to resume business, the advantages of which are thus recognised as not exclusive to the foreigner.—British Wireless Service.

ONUS ON CANTON.

Sound British Tactics.

London, Jan. 10.

"The Manchester Guardian" describes the British handling of the situation at Hankow as one of the most splendid tributes to British coolnesss and good sense.

The paper says that as far as the news available enables one to judge, the British tactics were absolutely right, whether taken as a move in the diplomatic game or simply with an eye to the situation at the moment.

A single shot might have precipitated a disaster which would place almost insuperable difficulties in the way of peaceful settlement.

The inestimable gain in that we have forced the Cantonese Government to declare its hand and assume the responsibilities to which it claims the right.

We have put Mr. Eugene Chen in the position of having to keep his promises or abandon the Cantonese claim to be able to govern.

If further steps for the protection of British lives are required they will doubtless be taken by the men on the spot.—Reuter.

CONSUL'S PROTEST.

Gravestones Desecrated.

Hankow, Jan. 4.

Advices from Chungking say that inasmuch as all the gravestones bearing inscriptions in Roman letters in the foreign general cemetery, which is located outside the walled city of Chungking, have been destroyed by Chinese students and soldiers of anti-Christian leanings, the German Consul there has filed a protest with the Chinese authorities.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

Mr. MacMurray Called to America.

Peking, Jan. 4.

The American Legation announced this morning that Mr. MacMurray, the American Minister at Peking, is proceeding immediately to America at the request of the Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, to confer on Chinese affairs.

It is explained that the situation has changed so greatly since the American Minister's arrival that Mr. Kellogg feels that a personal conference is vitally necessary.

Mr. MacMurray will leave by rail in a few days to join the "President Cleveland" at Yokohama.

It is expected that he will be absent for three months, during which Mr. Mayer will act as Charge d'Affaires.

SOVIET ENVOY.

Karakhan for Hankow.

Peking, Jan. 4.

Reports received by the Soviet Embassy from Moscow tell that M. Karakhan, former Ambassador at Peking, is shortly to be dispatched by the Soviet Government to Hankow to assume the post of Ambassador to the Nationalist Government.

PRECURSORS OF TROUBLE.

Propagandist Activity.

The "Central China Post" dealing with the situation in Hankow just prior to the New Year wrote:—

Chinese reports state the first three days of the new year are, by orders of the Kuomintang, to be given up to an orgy of celebrations of the southern victories.

Monster meetings are called for at the Yeh Ma Cheng in Wuchang, at the Chiao Tsang in Hanyang, and at the Chinese Race Course in Hankow. All labour unions are expected to bestir their members to attend. So far no programme of what the meetings are for outside of celebrating victories is available, but the opportunity will be doubtless utilized for the usual bout of oratory which a mob gathering usually supplies.

Anti-British Feeling.

Meanwhile the propagandists against Great Britain are active in the country surrounding Hankow. A shooting party which returned after a Christmas holiday trip to Kakiawan and from there about 80 li east to the hills, state that anti-British feeling among the natives is roused to a dangerous pitch.

At one village where they stayed they were informed that had they been British they would have been killed, as such was the duty of every true Chinese, only Russians and Germans being the real friends of the country.

The party however were able to convince the natives that they were not British and no incident occurred to mar a successful trip.

NAVY NEWS.

Situated Unchanged.

Hankow, January 10.

The general situation on the Yangtse river is unchanged.—Naval Wireless.

ROYAL MARINES.

Comment by "Truth."

A gentle reproof for the inhabitants of Hankow appears in a recent issue of "Truth," which says:—

The inhabitants of Hankow appear to have a rather vague idea of the present strength of the Royal Marines. Their recent S.O.S. to the Foreign Office asking for "at least 500 Marines to protect the British concession" shows an almost pathetic degree of confidence in the resources of the British Navy. It is very doubtful whether the whole China Squadron could muster 300 Marines. In any case the Sea Regiment must regard it as a compliment to their prowess that they should have been specified to the exclusion of the seamen, for whom the Chinaman has an equal respect when they land in field service order. Probably Hankow still remembers that in the international scramble to get into Peking after the Boxer rising in 1900, British Marines were first—crawling through a drain, if I recollect aright.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The official weather forecast for all local districts until noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

Meteorological observation at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.13; temperature 56; humidity 62; wind N.N.E.; force 1; weather overcast.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 9/16.

CANCER CURED?

British Doctor's Promising Discoveries.

SERUM USED ON RATS.

Rugby, Jan. 10.

Discoveries which are regarded as promising, have been made by Dr. Thomas Lumsden who gave up a rich West-end practice two years ago to devote himself to cancer research.

No official details are yet available, as Dr. Lumsden is anxious to avoid making any definite claim to a cure for cancer.

It is understood, however, that he has succeeded in producing a powerful serum which has not only cured cancer in rats, but has rendered them immune from any recurrence of the disease.

Dr. Lumsden's task is now to achieve the same results with human beings. He read a paper on the subject before the London Pathological Society a few days ago, and his statements made a considerable impression.—British Wireless Service.

WHICH CAR?

THE OWNER UNABLE TO TELL.

POLICE COURT INCIDENT.

Some amusement was created at the Central Magistracy this morning when Wm. Mak, of 77 Wongneichong Road, the owner of two motor cars, admitted being so drunk at West Point last night, that he did not know which of his two cars he was using.

The case before Mr. Lindsell was one of driving a private car as a public vehicle, the defendant being a Chinese chauffeur employed by the witness on trial.

A Sikh sergeant said that he saw the car standing outside a Chinese restaurant. A small boy led two Chinese to the car which drove off. Some time later the car returned and shortly afterwards the same thing occurred again.

Divisional Inspector Peter Grant informed his Worship that he had been unable to secure the attendance of the passenger, who was in the car when the accused was arrested, but would endeavour to do so before to-morrow morning.

His Worship remanded the case until to-morrow, allowing the defendant bail in $100.

A charge against a second Chinese said to have been concerned in the incident was dismissed.

OUT OF WORK.

TWO MEN BEFORE THE COURT.

Joseph Madsen, an unemployed American, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with being found in the Colony without visible means of support, he stated that he was looking for a job and was prepared to take one on any ship.

Det. Sgt. Elston informed his Worship that the defendant had been before the Court upon more than one occasion during the past few months, that he was respectable when sober, but as soon as he earned any money he got "hopelessly drunk and incapable and lost his jobs."

Defendant was committed to House of Detention.

Eugene Kinkladze, 21 a Georgian born in Batoum, brought before the Bench on a similar charge, was remanded in police custody for inquiries to be made.

PEAK THEFT.

MR. MONTAGUE EDE'S HOUSE ROBBED.

Mr. Montague Ede, 196, the Peak, has reported to the Police that sometime between 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. on Monday, a small leather case was stolen from his house. The case contained a gold cigarette case and a gold match-box, valued together at $200.

BAD COINS.

Local Tramway Co.'s Procedure.

MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT.

That the procedure adopted by the Hong Kong Tramway Company with regard to bad ten cent pieces is "most extraordinary and wicked," was the opinion of Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when giving his decision in the case in which a conductor was charged with possessing and uttering a number of spurious coins on January 5.

The first witness called was the Chief Indian Court Interpreter, Mr. Nathan Singh, who said that he happened to be travelling on the tram car at the time that the alleged offence was committed. He stopped the car near No. 2 Police Station and handed over the defendant to Inspector Blackman.

Mr. Arthur Gillard, Chief Traffic Officer of the Tramway Company, said that he went to No. 2 Police Station and was present when the defendant's bag was searched. Witness counted 108 good 10 cent pieces and 25 good 5 cent pieces and 7 bad 10 cent pieces.

To his Worship: The defendant has been employed with us since December 13.

Getting Stuck!

Mr. Lindsell: What happens when they get stuck with bad coins?—They return them to the passengers.

His Worship: When I say stuck, I mean stuck. (Laughter).

Witness said that the shroff would not accept bad coins.

His Worship: Oh, It is the conductor's funeral? — Yes, they know that we will not accept them.

Mr. Lindsell said that he thought that it would be better if the conductors were instructed to hand in all bad coins, even though they might be called upon to pay for having accepted them, otherwise they would naturally go back into circulation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Loseby (defending) witness said that the Tramway Company was not interested as regards what the conductor did with bad coins received from passengers.

Mr. Loseby: Don't you think you should be?—The banks won't accept them.

Mr. Loseby: If you were a conductor and had some bad money, what would you do with it, throw it in the gutter?—I suppose I should keep it in my pocket.

In reply to further questions, witness said that when engaging the defendant, he had satisfied himself as to the man's reference.

Company and the Public.

Mr. Loseby submitted that under Section 8 of the Ordinance he had no case to answer. It was not an offence to have three or more coins in one's custody. Even if his Worship found that there had been definite intent, the only punishment should be that the defendant be bound over. Obviously the Company did nothing to prevent that kind of thing.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the 2nd charge had been incorrectly worded.

Mr. Loseby: That would not change the position.

His Worship: I don't agree with you there.

Mr. Loseby: The Company deliberately compels its conductors to carry bad coins about with them. If they attempt to hand them in, they are returned by the shroff and .....

His Worship: Is that so, Mr. Gillard?—Oh, yes. The shroff won't accept them.

Mr. Lindsell: Then that's wicked. It is the most extraordinary procedure that I have ever heard of.

Mr. Gillard said that it had always been the practice of the Company to refuse bad coins.

Mr. Lindsell: Then the sooner it is altered the better. I am not so sure that the Company's shroff should not be charged as an accessory to the felony. The defendant is discharged with a caution. I find that the Company has taken no steps whatever to suppress the practice; their system is to deliberately assist in keeping the spurious coins in circulation, and I hope that they will make more satisfactory arrangements in the future.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

Manchester Market Report.

During last week cotton values both at New York and Liverpool eased slightly day by day and the lowest point of recent years was touched on Saturday with Spot American at Liverpool being quoted 6.30d. A many felt that prices were as low as they were likely to go and a covering movement developed at New York, which commenced at once a strengthening of values, continuing this week, Spot Mid. American being yesterday back at 6.54d. There has, however, not been much dealing at Liverpool, the market preferring to await the last of the American official Bureau reports due this evening. It is not considered, however, that it can affect the market very much unless there is something in the nature of a surprise. Sentiment at the moment is generally too bearish for any general improvement in trade to take place and although prices are on a very low level a many traders are of the opinion that lower rates will yet be registered in the near future. The present conditions are very favourable to buyers for both Spinners and Manufacturers are at present weak sellers when tested with offers on the border line between the possible and the impossible. A feature of great interest this week has been the withdrawal by the Spinners of the Basic Prices scheme, and it has been recognised that to artificially bolster up prices was not a sound method of trying to revive trade. The Short Time Committee of the Spinners have also authorised mills spinning American cotton to return to a 35 hour working week. The settlement of the coal strike may have some connection with this decision, but it is perhaps nearer the truth to say that the criticisms from both outside and inside the trade, as to the wisdom of such a policy, have had their effect. As to business in cloth there is a little more doing at the moment than there has been for some weeks past, especially from India where the ports have been buying on a hand to mouth basis. The upcountry markets have not yet sufficient confidence, but what we have seen of the business done we should say the buyers cannot go very far wrong, for some low prices have been taken by manufacturers.

LINEN MARKET.

The Latest Report From Belfast.

The Belfast Linen Market report for the fortnight ending November 30 is as follows:—

Flax.

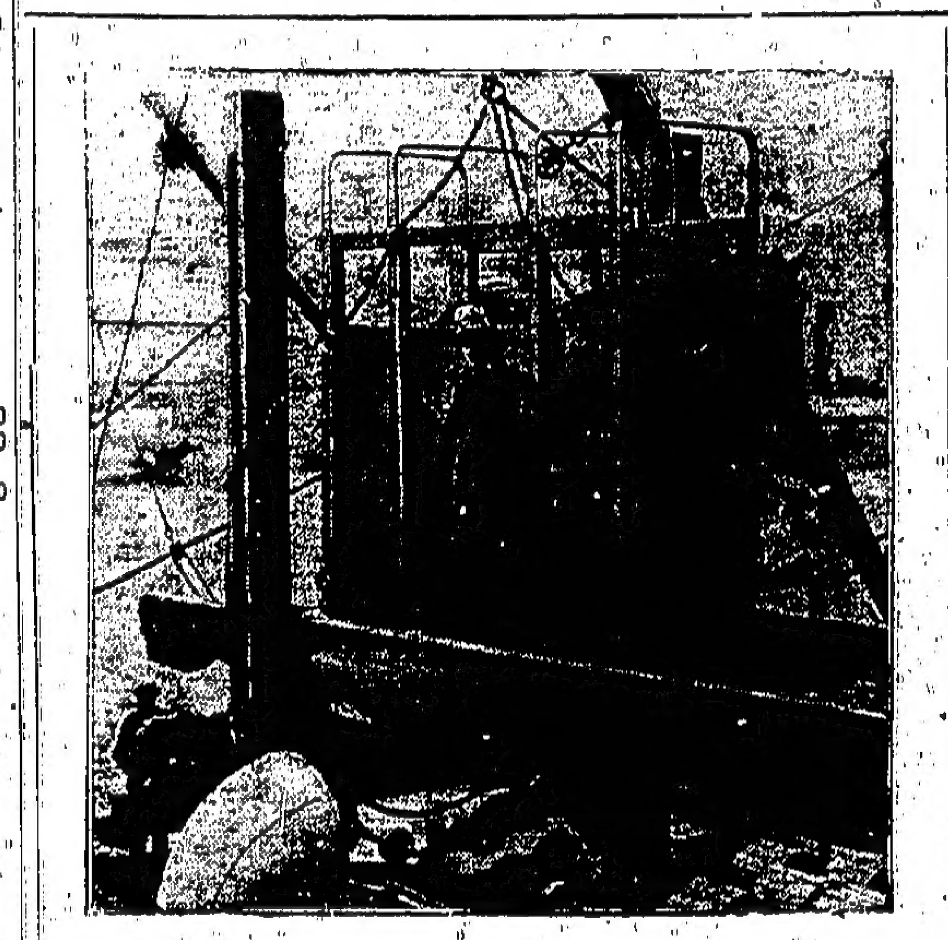
Irish.—The markets have been well supplied since last report. The prices and the quality of the fibre offered for sale are unchanged.

Courtral.—There is very little change to report. French Spinners have been buying more freely in the low end which has resulted in prices being firm. Spinners have also been buying larger quantities of the better class of flax.

Latvian.—The Government are selling small quantities of Fresh Flax at full rates. Enquiries have been put up to them for fair bulk at a few pounds under the official prices, but nothing resulted. Holders of old stock have liquidated a good deal of this during the past fortnight, principally to the Continent at a cut price. There are conflicting reports regarding quality, but spinners will get their first shipments in a few weeks.

Esthonian.—Supplies were never so late as this season, and little business can be entertained unless for January shipment. Decent supplies are not expected until Christmas Bazaars. Prices are very steady.

Lithuanian.—Little change here, but after last year's experience spinners are not inclined to discuss business until they see representative samples.



Six highly trained horses, the pick of the French Cavalry and mounts for the three French officers who arrived on the Canadian Pacific liner Melita recently, were unloaded at the C.P.S. docks in Montreal from the Company's freighter, the Bolingbroke, and were shipped to Toronto where they were used by the French officers in exhibition riding at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held at that city.

Soviet.—Business still hangs fire although no doubt there would be a fair turnover at a few pounds under last indications. Reports on first arrival seem to show that quality is inferior to last year, so more attention being paid to old stocks.

Yarns.

Demand for past fortnight has been somewhat irregular. With new business and a good quantity still on order Spinners are fairly well off. Prices firm, without change. At a trade meeting this week it was arranged that all Licence fees for production should be discontinued. Considerable feeling has been aroused concerning the arrival of a consignment of Soviet yarns. It is anticipated that these yarns will not commend themselves to the Weaving trade.

Weavers.

There is a quiet steady business going on, but there has been no expansion of demand. Merchants are keenly interested in current rates, and are following the market closely as their stocks appear to be very low. Dress goods are still being inquired for, but no great volume has yet been placed. It is too early to experience the beneficial effects that are bound to follow the *termination of the coal strike.*

Merchants.

U.S.A. and Colonial reports continue better in Damasks but ordinary House-keeping lines are still slow. Good orders have been received for Handkerchiefs and fancy woven articles. With the end of the Coal strike an improvement all round may now be looked for.

Dress Linens.—White and Coloured Dress Linens are in steady demand for various markets. Enquiries have also been received from U.S.A. for the cheaper grades of Coloured Linens, but stocks are well reduced and low offers have been declined. Improved conditions for Dress Linens and Suitings are anticipated.

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TEA IN INDIA.

Industry Increasingly Important.

Calcutta, Dec. 9.

Giving evidence before the Agricultural Commission, Mr. Crawford, chairman of the Indian Tea Association, said that the tea industry of India had a capital of £32,000,000 and supported a population of over 1,250,000. Many urgent problems required investigation, notably the correlation of soil analytical data with soil fertility investigation, the available plant food in the soil and biological problems connected with plant and soil bacteriology.

The industry was not satisfied with the railway services in the tea districts, as there was no progressive policy of linking up new districts or of providing communication for districts already under tea. The inconvenience thus occasioned aggravated the Government failure to provide adequate feeder roads. In Assam the roads were particularly deplorable, and repeated representations made to the Government by the Tea Association had had little result. Wild animals did much damage to the crops in some areas.

The industry had consistently opposed an export duty on tea, which was held to be against the interests of the agriculturalists, and also to be placing the tea exporters at a disadvantage with their competitors.

There had been a steady increase in the investment of Indian capital in the tea industry and Indians in increasing numbers were being employed.

The 29th annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd. will be held at the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Friday, January 28 at 11 a.m.

All the space available for the London section of the British Industries Fair for 1927 had now been let, Mr. A. M. Samuel announced in the House of Commons. Birmingham, which had let 23,000 square feet more than the total area let last year, still had a small amount of space left for intending exhibitors.

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HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

January 7 to 13, 1927.

Date		High Water		Lower Water	
Jan.		Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri.	7	1 2a	4.4	m 6 18	0.5
		11 36a	7.7	4 53 a	3.3
Sat.	8	1 56a	4.6	m 7 7	0.6
				6 49 a	.5
Sun.	9	m 0 31	7.1	m 7 59	1.2
		2 55a	4.7	7 5 a	3.7
Mon.	10	m 1 46	6.4	m 8 51	1.8
		3 51a	5.0	8 44 a	3.7
Tues.	11	m 3 14	5.8	m 9 48	2.2
		4 44a	5.4	10 44 a	3.4
Wed.	12	m 4 46	5.0	m 10 42	2.7
		5 33a	5.8		
Thurs.	13	m 6 12	4.7	m 0 16	2.8
		6 16a	6.3	m 11 31	3.0

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			Jan. 7, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾龍	lb.	28	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	28	23	12
„ Corned	鹹牛肉	„	32	23	12
„ Roast	燒肉牛	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	24	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	24	20	18
„ Steak	牛肉扒	„	28	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳	„	45	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	60	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	鹹牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	„	24	13	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛膊	lb.	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	25	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	50	26	—
„ Leg	羊脾	„	60	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	45	24	—
„ Saddle	肉	„	52	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	„	40	—	27
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	豬腳	lb.	16	15	—
„ Fry	豬什	„	18	15	18
„ Head	豬頭	„	18	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	14	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰	„	13	10	8
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	50	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	„	36	25	28
„ Leg	豬脾	„	38	—	—
„ Loin	豬[illegible]	„	40	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	50	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊油	„	50	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	36	20	19
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	40	20	20
„ „ No. 1		„	32	—	—

Fish.

			Jan. 7, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Barbel	[illegible]魚	lb.	18	19	24
Bream	[illegible]魚	„	20	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	塘魚水 (省城淡) 海鮮	„	21	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	28	16	27
Catfish	[illegible]	„	16	12	9
Codfish	[illegible]魚	„	24	20	25
Crabs	蟹	„	40	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	22	16	2
Dab		„	75	28	16
Dace	[illegible]	„	18	10	9
Dog Fish	[illegible]	„	16	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	24	16	—
„ Fresh Water	淡水鱔	„	28	10	18
„ Yellow	黃鱔	„	36	26	30
Frogs	田雞	„	45	32	25
Garoupa	石斑	„	75	40	30
Gudgeon	白[illegible]	„	32	18	15
Herrings	[illegible]白	„	22	22	18
Halibut	[illegible]	„	28	18	23
Labrus	黃花	„	20	22	18
Loach	[illegible]魚	„	45	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	45	32	21
Mackerel	[illegible]魚	„	36	20	26
Monk Fish	[illegible]魚	„	28	32	28
Mullet	[illegible]魚	„	32	18	2
Oysters	鮮蠔	„	32	16	22
Parrot Fish	[illegible]魚	„	26	14	9
Perch	[illegible]	„	28	20	15
Pike	[illegible]	„	15	16	9
Plaice	[illegible]魚	„	45	28	14
Pomfret, Black	[illegible]	„	40	26	29
Pomfret, White	白[illegible]	„	45	36	30
Prawns	[illegible]蝦	„	85	36	45
Ray	[illegible]	„	12	10	14
Rock Fish	石[illegible]	„	20	13	18
Roach	[illegible]魚	„	36	22	16
Salmon	[illegible]	„	70	36	30
Shark	沙魚	„	12	8	10
Skate	[illegible]魚	„	18	10	10
Shrimps	[illegible]	„	55	26	35
Snapper	立魚	„	50	32	30
Soles	[illegible]沙魚	„	36	28	28
Tench	[illegible]	„	35	22	18
Turbot	左口魚	„	26	18	12
Turtles, small, fr-water	[illegible]魚	„	$1.30	40	—

Poultry.

			Jan. 7, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	55	30	31
Capons, Small	騸雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥騸雞	„	50	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	斑鳩	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	75	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hoihow	海口鴿	„	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	70	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞乸	„	60	51	45
Snipe	沙[illegible]	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	$2.00	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	35	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	85	—	—

Fruits.

			Jan. 7, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	58	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	„	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	[illegible]山香蕉	„	5	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	7	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	32	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	30	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	16	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	14	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	4	3	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	18	—	15
Grapes	葡提子	„	60	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

			Jan. 7, 1927. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Artichokes	[illegible]芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	6	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	14	8	—
Beet Root	紅[illegible]	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	8	—	—
Brinjals, Green	[illegible]瓜	„	6	5	9
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	5	5	12
„ (Shanghai)	[illegible]菜	„	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	[illegible]筍	„	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	18	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	15	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	lb.	11	6	6
Carrots	[illegible]	„	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese	[illegible]	„	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	32	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	25	10	16
„ Green	青花椒	„	20	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	架厘材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	4	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	9	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	25	5	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	9	45	—
Lettuce	嫩生菜	„	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	10	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	—	—	8
Okroes		„	14	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	8	8	3
„ Green	生蔥	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	[illegible]菜	„	40	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	8	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	5	8	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	6	8	—
Pumpkin	[illegible]瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅[illegible]仔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	„	—	—	10
Shallots	干蔥頭	„	10	8	—
Spinach	莧菜	„	8	4	—
Tomatoes	[illegible]茄	„	8	7	—
Taros	芋頭	„	6	6	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	[illegible]	„	5	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	—	4	—
Water Cress	[illegible]洋菜	„	8	15	—
Water Lily Root	[illegible]	„	8	6	—

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(St David's Society, Hong Kong.)

THE President and Members of the Committee of the Society will be AT HOME to all members of the Society and their Welsh friends at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1927, 5.30—7.30 p.m.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
9, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY January 10th, 1927, the Offices of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs will be on the first floor of the New Government Building in Connaught Road Central.

E. R. HALLIFAX.
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
Hong Kong, 8th January 1927.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to announce that we have just established ourselves as Importers & Exporters, Coal Contractors, Shipping Agents and General Providers. We provide launches, lighters and junks for carrying cargoes from Hong Kong to Kongmoon, Canton and Wuchow; superintend the loading and unloading of same and guarantee the safe delivery of all goods entrusted to us into our own godown from which place they will be further transferred to any required destination, holding ourselves responsible for any damages that may occur. For terms and particulars please apply to our local branch in the Bank of Canton Building.

WANG LEE CO.
Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1926.

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AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. Birkett, Esq. to sell by Public Auction
on FRIDAY,
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Teak Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirror Doors and Electric Fittings, Teak Dressing Table, Teak Desks, Teak Chest of Drawers, etc.

English Dinner Set, Tea Set, Glass Ware, Filters, Kitchen Utensils, Ice Chest, etc.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 8th January, 1927.

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G. R.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the TAI PO BRIDGE will be open to traffic from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 10th January, 1927.

HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

REHEARSALS of H.M.S. PINAFORE will take place at the Cathedral Hall on MONDAYS at 5.30 p.m. and THURSDAYS at 8.45 p.m. commencing on MONDAY next January 17th. There are a few vacancies in the Chorus for all voices, and ladies and gentlemen wishing to take part should attend at the above times.

H. J. BEST,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, January 11, 1926.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.
HONG KONG BRANCH.

AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point on WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1927, at 5 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:
Correspondence and General.

W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

DINNER DANCE.
8—12 p.m. Jan. 21st 1927.

MEMBERS may book their tables and obtain their tickets on and after MONDAY, 10th inst. at Messrs. Moutrie's where a plan of the seating arrangements may be seen.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, 22nd January, 1927, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hong Kong Club or Linstead & Davis.

Hong Kong, 7th January, 1927.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

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Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

CHINESE DRAMA.

MR. J. L. GARVIN REVIEWS THE PROBLEM.

Nearing A Climax.

BRITAIN AND NOT RUSSIA THE TRUE FRIEND.

A notable survey of the problem in China is given by Mr. J. L. Garvin in the "Observer" of December 5, but in reading it, the fact must be kept in mind that an entirely new twist has been given to the situation by the virtual seizure of the British Concession at Hankow.

The Chinese drama now working up to a culmination is one of the greatest crises of its kind in the history of the world. For fifteen years the deepest impulses of a tremendous revolution have often seemed to be lost in hopeless anarchy, but, obscurely, elementally, they have moved on and gathered strength. As elsewhere, the ideals, however marred in action, are unity, patriotism, and regeneration. The practical goal is a status of political and commercial sovereignty equal to the position long since achieved by Japan, and recently won by another Asiatic country, Turkey, in a manner which has had a direct and far-reaching influence on developments in the Far East. The movement temporarily thrown by obstruction and misunderstanding into the arms of Russia is, in essence, not Bolshevist, but nationalist. It is not red, but yellow. Its simplest watchword is "China for the Chinese," in a sense fervently hostile to any kind of foreign domination, but not necessarily excluding foreign intercourse and enterprise, aid and trade, if these can be re-established on terms consistent with native sovereignty.

I.—An Ordeal of Statesmanship.

We in Britain led the way in meeting similar claims by Japan; since then we have given to India full tariff autonomy and the political reforms. Nothing on earth can now stop this Chinese movement. Nearly every Western influence stimulates and equips it. We ought to be conspicuously the first to recognise it and sympathise with it in spite of the fact that full concession must be somewhat more gradual than in the case of Japan, and that the immediate situation demands strong safeguards. As circumstances are and will continue, British reliance on armaments and abuse against the rising tide of general Chinese sentiment would not merely prove as impotent as Mrs. Partington to check that tide, but would concentrate on our heads an especial hatred that generations might not extinguish.

For these reasons alone, seldom has there been a more critical issue for British statesmanship in Asia. But this vast question has still wider bearings. The writ of the League of Nations does not really run in Asia any more than it runs in the two Americas. If the United States and the British Empire, against their will, in their own despite, found themselves deeply engaged in the Far East as the result of Chinese extremism, Bolshevist manœuvres and Japanese alarm, the practical securities weakened that it would be impossible to guarantee the peace of Europe and might be impossible to maintain it.

II.—A Revolution Revolutionised.

In the last few months, but chiefly during the last few weeks, the long revolution has been revolutionised. There had been years of inconclusive civil war with its indescribable, bewildering medley of names, events, and motives, of personal rivalries, and local factions, of campaigns and conspiracies, victories and reverses, treacheries and intrigues, strikes and boycotts. Few recorded passages of human confusion have been harder for the searching student to disentangle. Now comes a sudden clearing-up over an immense area. A new, formidable, and perhaps decisive situation has been created.

Assisted by Bolshevist intelligence, the southern armies, which embody the idea of real national unity and sovereignty on a Republican basis, have at last carried all before them up to an almost commanding point. From their original base, Canton, they have swept upwards into the centre of China. A considerable part of the rest is controlled or menaced by their confederates and sympathisers. More than half the eighteen provinces are already in the power of the Nationalists; and probably a sweeping majority of the whole population in a country with 400,000,000 inhabitants—nearly equal to the entire census of the British Empire—is already on their side or prepared to follow them. For propaganda—of the only kind which appeals both to the interests of the masses and to the new patriotism of the foreign-educated intellectuals and the students—goes in advance of the armies. Far ahead of their march the ground is prepared for them. The great province of the western interior, Szechuan, has declared for them. Eastward along the seaboard the province of Fukien, with its famous old city Foochow—perhaps the most picturesque of all the treaty-ports—has fallen to them.

Next on the coast comes what is really the key-province—Che-kiang, with another great provincial capital and treaty-port, Hang-Chow, which Marco Polo thought the glorious city of the world; and though reduced since his day it has again nearly a million of inhabitants. We call this next objective of the Nationalist march the key-province, because whoever holds strongly Che-kiang and its splendidly-situated port, Hang-chow, is certain then to command the mouth of the Yangtse river and Shanghai itself. To gain these latter positions would establish Nationalist predominance in China.

III.—The Mississippi of China.

Most of the course of the Yangtse-kiang is already in the hands of the Southern Republican forces. That mighty river, as everyone knows—flowing irregularly with many bends from West to East right through the centre of what was so long known as the Celestial Empire—is the Mississippi of China. It is capable of playing the same decisive part in the Chinese civil war as the Mississippi played in the American civil war. Whoever conquers firmly the Yangtse on both sides is bound to possess the country as a whole, and to unite the eighteen provinces again under one form of Government. No one can yet prophesy that the power of the Nationalists is solid enough to do this. But they have now much the best chance of doing it, and above all, no one else can now hope to do it against them. This is a main secret of their new strength.

The chief event in this connection was the capture by the Nationalists, under their General Chang Kai-shek, of the central cities of the Yangtse basin. What we call familiarly Hankow is really a triple-city — Hankow, Hanyang, Wuchang. Occupying both sides of the river, and otherwise in a strong strategical situation, this group, containing a million and three-quarter people, is partly a Manchester, partly an inland Liverpool, with some official characteristics also that possibly might help to make it the future capital of all China instead of Peking. With its ironworks, factories, banks, and shipping, its possession is more important than that of any other place in China. Its seizure by the Nationalists has had the most far-reaching effect, and is very widely regarded as the sure presage of their complete victory. Northward across the Yangtse more great provinces are ready to go over. For at Peking there is no longer any Government whatever. Even the formal, pretentious shadow that so long deluded most of the foreign Powers has disappeared. Amongst the hills north-west of Peking itself, that astute specimen of a "Christian General," and rather jingo-patriot, Feng Yu-hsiang—with his compact and relatively efficient army, equipped by Russia—hovers pretty securely in the distance, ready to strike in again, if there should be a promising opportunity of joining hands with the Southern Nationalists and clinching their total triumph.

IV.—The Hankow Crisis.

The recent development have brought to a head the whole question of future relations with the Treaty-Powers, their traders and their other subjects. A week ago there was panic in Hankow, where the British Concession is one of our most important mercantile settlements outside the Empire. A determined attack on foreign interests was threatened by the mob, no doubt instigated by Bolshevist emissaries. The Japanese were rigorously boycotted as a beginning. All foreign merchants were summoned to pay extra taxation on their trade in disregard, as at Canton, of the limiting treaties which the Chinese without distinction of party are determined to abolish. A general strike was planned to break out. There were grave fears of anti-foreign disorders, which might end in looting and even in massacre. British, American, and Japanese reinforcements were promptly and rightly hurried up the river to a point of undoubted danger in the midst of the biggest political drama now going on in the world. After a few alarming days the tension was relieved. The Nationalist leaders are far from fools. The last thing they want is a Boxer attack on foreign life and property, which would bring into action the United States as well as Britain and Japan. The foreign merchants have been wise enough to pay the surtaxes. In amount these are no more than the minimum that any revised tariff-system will eventually impose, and it is better to pay than to face the paralysis and ruin of business by strikes and boycotts.

Finally, our new Minister to China, Mr. Miles Lampson, young and broad-minded, has postponed his journey to the shadow-capital and has left for the present living centre of affairs, Hankow. Upon his interviews with the Nationalist leaders, civil and military, much depends. His own views and temper are, we think, thoroughly conciliatory.

V.—The Wrong Policy.

The alternative before us is plain, and the choice of the lesser evil, to say the least, demands that we shall extricate ourselves from the false and odious position which makes us appear to be what we are not—the chief opponents of the national aspirations of the Chinese people. Sir Austen Chamberlain is besieged by reactionary advice and panic counsel. He is asked to put all our money on the wrong horse—to make common cause with the northern provincial and regional despots and governors, military and civil — the tuchuns and tupans, whose rivalries and intrigues have done more than anything else to prolong the anarchy and to waste the country through the decade since Yuan Shih-kai's death after his failure to restore the Empire and occupy the throne. The Foreign Secretary, in a word, is urged to rely on what we may call a gunboat-policy against the national and popular movement in China. It means an attempt to apply to the Far East the Chanak temper, so nearly fatal in the Near East. It is contrary to the spirit of Locarno. It is contrary to the spirit of the Indian reforms. It is not supported by the United States, and never will be, unless the Nationalist movement plunges into serious anti-foreign excesses or is unable to control them. A Chanak temper in China would end in ignominious retreat, after isolating us diplomatically and prejudicing all our commercial and other interests for years to come.

You can do anything with bayonets but sit on them. You can do anything with gunboats on the Yangtse except roll back a tide of national feeling or prevent the spread of anti-British hatred, or avert strikes and boycotts, or send the awakened Asia of the century back to its ancient slumbers.

VI.—The Right Policy.

At home and abroad alike we are cursed by the unteachable pre-war complex which in this case must be broken. In Chinese affairs as in European—and as in our industrial matters—we must realise the changed world in which we live. We hope the Foreign Secretary will set his face inflexibly against the gunboat-policy and the panic-counsels. There is no way out but conciliatory compromise with the Chinese people and with the nationalist movement dominated by the south. We must take precautions in a situation where any accident or local blunder might lead to an explosion of anti-foreign violence. We must protect at need, whoever is with us or not, the life of our subjects and their property as established on the existing treaty-basis pending agreed changes of that system. But, for the rest, we must make it clear that we are at least as friendly to the Chinese national and popular movement as is any other Power. We must cease to drive it into the arms of the Bolshevists. We must show that we have no intention of throwing impediments and obstacles across its road.

We must be prepared for full tariff autonomy in China no less than in India. British organisation of the Maritime Customs has been a magnificent benefit to China, but that people has learned to run its own postal services, and aspires to control and employment in the fiscal services also, whether the results as regards honesty and efficiency prove good or bad. This question touches the tenderest point of our sentiment and pride, but, again, it is certain that we shall save more of British influence by conciliation than we can hope to do by mere resistance.

As for the ex-territorial privileges of foreigners, the path is strewn with difficulties. The new Chinese legal system is yet very far indeed from being on paper what it is in practice. But China has seen the capitulations abolished in Turkey. Her efforts in the same direction cannot be stopped. Here, also, Britain must declare herself as ready as any Power to accept in a liberal and courageous spirit a gradual system of transition which must end some day in full Chinese sovereignty.

VII.—Recognise The Facts.

Above all our business is to recognise the national movement in the south and centre where its influence rules over more than 200,000,000 of people; to accept it later in any further area where its authority may be established; and to disclaim antagonism, overt or covert, to its advance. Elsewhere, we may equally recognise Chang Tso-lin of Manchuria, and also the few intermediate satraps so long as they can maintain themselves. But let us have perfectly plain and realistic ideas on this subject. It is no interset of ours to perpetuate the disintegration of China by supporting the local military usurpers whose personal rule is irreconcilable with any kind of constructive national policy. Next we must get it thoroughly into our heads that Peking is no longer the metropolis of China or the seat of real authority over any part of China. It is deposed like Constantinople. Hankow as a living centre of new forces is like Angora on a larger scale. Southern and Central Republicanism is animated by the only real coherent party in China, the Kuomintang. With all faults, immaturities, crudities, this movement alone has real national ideals; and no other influence can hope to suppress anarchy, to end civil war, and to restore cohesion over the greater part of China.

The Russian Bolshevists have been accepted as friends and allies. They are not masters in China and never will be. The nearer the Kuomintang comes to recognise national power and responsibility, the more the present role of the Bolshevists will be diminished. "China for the Chinese" means what it says. It does not, and never will, mean "China for the Russians."

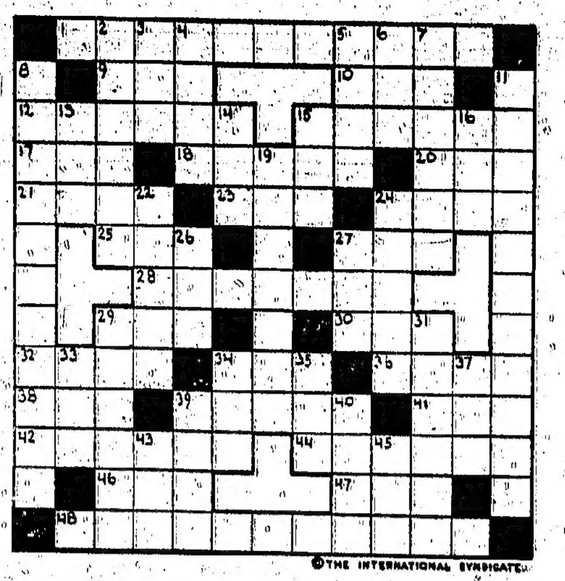
VIII.—The Meaning of New China.

Not in one article like this, nor in several articles, could we hope to convey an adequate impression of the magnitude and strangeness of the Chinese convulsions in the last fifteen years. No European example helps to explain. After the Manchu Empire was overthrown in 1911 all the traditional foundations on which the nation had reposed for two thousand years were broken up. The whole mental revolution has been a vaster affair than the political. The revolution has penetrated education, literature, religion. The consequences may be retarded; they never can be reversed. Students in swarms, such as never were known in Asia before, absorb European and American ideas. More and more they use western instruction as a weapon against western control.

No man can see the end of it. Chang Tso-lin, indirectly protected by Japan, may hold a large part of northern China proper. The Nationalist advance itself may triumph up to Manchuria. Nationalism itself may break up as a result of its extension instead of consolidating the country. But we in Britain are fitted to be friends with the Chinese people. We wish to be friends. The expansion of trade itself depends upon the restoration of a united pacific regime throughout the greater part of the country, even if some of the northern provinces remain under Manchurian ascendancy for some years. But Japanese greatness and independent sovereignty are a permanent model for the 400,000,000 of China. In any case we must realise that the days of a mere gunboat-policy are gone for ever. By conciliatory statesmanship we must accommodate ourselves to the inevitable progress, despite all checks and interruptions, of a national cause likely to prove in the long run one of the most far-reaching movements in the whole world's history.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1—Incentives
9—Pertaining to us
10—A patriotic organization (abbr.)
12—Rat-like animal
15—Area
17—Finish
18—Fog-horn
20—Insect
21—Come together
23—Nickname for Edward
24—Obstructs
25—Period of time
27—Sa lit
28—Region in N. W. Europe
29—Short leap
30—Yea
32—Precipitation
34—A white lie
35—Girl's name

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
38—To incite
39—Coat of mail
41—Kind of horse
42—Property left by a will
44—Ruined town near Jerusalem
46—Ignited
47—Part of verb to be
48—Character

VERTICAL
2—Inclined the head
3—Owing
4—Vases
5—Paradise
6—Small horse
7—Pertaining to a clan
8—Too soon
11—Inevitable
13—Unit
14—A metal

VERTICAL (Cont.)
15—A color
16—Over (contr.)
19—Win back
22—Claw
24—Awaits
26—Island possession of the U. S.
27—Some
29—To haggle
31—Perfume in powder form
33—Era
34—Cook over a hot fire
36—Nickname for Robert
37—Female deer
39—A book of the Bible
40—Genuine
43—Atmosphere
45—Prefix meaning three

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. . . . will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to s . . . others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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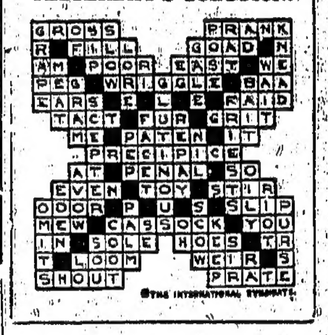

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HOME PAPER'S COMMENT.

Despite the fact that shipping is in its present depressed state, Lord Inchcape was able to place before the shareholders of the P. and O. Company a report of the year's operations of the company which cannot but be regarded as satisfactory, says the "Journal of Commerce" (Liverpool). The P. and O. Company has done better things in the way of dividend-earning, but the company that has as good a record as theirs at the end (we all hope) of a long slump period is to be very sincerely congratulated. There is not the least doubt the company owes its present strong position to the fact that in years gone by it placed to reserve some substantial sums, and was able to acquire interests in allied concerns which are a very valuable asset to-day, and which are worth more than the price at which they now stand in the books. At no time during the boom period have these investments been inflated, and the company is to-day reaping the results of this wise policy. Lord Inchcape was able to tell the shareholders that the bills payable for new ships had been reduced from over 6¾ millions to a little more than 2¾ millions. There were, he added, no commitments for new ships at present, though naturally the company contemplated replacing some of its old tonnage. That must inevitably be the policy of a company such as the P. and O. In its case to stand still is to go back, and no one realises this more fully than does Lord Inchcape.

Heavier Expenses.

The chairman was able to refer to pleasing incidents connected with the beginning of the slump in shipping. At that time he said they had contracted to build some ships, and when the slump came they had to get out. The shipbuilders would have been entitled to ask for penalties in lieu of the work of building, but they forebore to press for these. Lord Inchcape significantly added that when the P. and O. Company was building again they would not forget those who helped them at that time. He was glad to see that there was peace in both the shipping and in the shipbuilding trades, and that the outlook for the future was brighter. The past year had been a trying one. They had to pay £200,000 more for their coal alone, and they were fortunate in having nine steamers which burned oil, or their bills would have been heavier. Two more ships would be converted to oil this year. Though the liners had a trying time of it, their tramp steamers had done well enough through the coal strike. Naturally enough their expenses had increased. It was a fact, he said, that supplies, maintenance and repairs cost 75 per cent. more than before the war, and he was afraid that unless the prices of commodities came down passage rates would have to go up.

The Company's Steamers.

In regard to the passenger traffic enjoyed by the company, which shows a continuous expansion, Lord Inchcape was able to convey a very graceful compliment to the commanders of the P. and O. steamers, the ships companies, and the staffs ashore. He was continually in receipt of letters from passengers who spoke very highly of their experiences on board the company's steamers. During the year their 432 steamers had run about seventeen million miles, and had carried 2¼ million passengers, which is very good evidence of the high esteem in which their services were held. The chairman was able to say that if the P. and O. Company was broken up, and its ships sold at low prices, they would be able to discharge their entire obligations, pay off the preference stock, and give the deferred stockholders more than to-day's market value of their holdings. There are many heads of more than shipping companies who would be glad to be in a position to say the same to their shareholders. In passing, Lord Inchcape referred to the proposal to run a 22-knot service to India and Australia, and his caustic criticism of the propects of such a service will not bring much joy to the promoters of the scheme. He suggested that it would be better for all concerned to put the money into the War Loan, where there would be a certainty of a return. Truly a service which would have to meet the competition of the P. and O. Line would start with a very considerable handicap.

LOOTING AT WUHU.

ANGRY TROOPS GET OUT OF HAND.

FLIGHT OF COMMANDER.

The N.K.K. vessel "Yunyang Maru" arrived at Shanghai on Jan. 5 from the upper ports, having called at Wuhu on Monday when the local troops started looting the city.

According to the ship's master, Captain Mineoka, his vessel entered the port on Monday morning when there was no sign of looting taking place, the situation being normal. However, towards night, at about 8.30 o'clock, sounds of rifle firing was all of a sudden heard from the shore, then becoming intensified as time passed. They thought the Southern forces had invaded the territory, with the result that a conflict had ensued between them and the troops stationed there. After half an hour or so, however, looting by the mutinous troops started in the streets just opposite the Company's hulk. They were men, under command of General Chen Tiao-yuen, numbering some 1,000, who had not been paid for the past six months. Prior to this, General Chen, finding it impossible to control the situation following agitation by his men over non-payment, asked for a loan of $1,200,000 of the local merchants' body, with a suggestion that if the same was not met, it might lead to serious events in the near future, for which he would not be responsible.

As the merchants refused to comply with his request, General Chen fled to Nanking, finding it difficult to soothe his agitated men without funds. When they were aware that their Commander had gone, they rushed into the busiest quarters of the city where looting took place, the post office, banks, and a large number of stores being affected, with the exception of the branch of the Bank of China, the door of which was well bolted.

The soldiers did not touch any of the foreign property there.

Looting continued until 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when some 1,000 troops, under General Wang Pu, also stationed in the city, began to interfere. A number of General Chen's men were arrested by General Wang's troops, but the former were immediately taken back by their fellow soldiers.

As a consequence, the people are panic-stricken, fearing there might occur a conflict between the troops of both parties. The damage done to the property caused by the looting is said to be enormous.

NEW SHIP HERE.

"VAN CREMER'S" MAIDEN VOYAGE.

Named after the founder of the Deli Tobacco Company, the M.S. "Van Cremer," the first of two vessels for the Koninklyke Paketvaart Maatschappij (Royal Packet Navigation Company of Batavia) arrived in the Colony yesterday morning.

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The vessel is in every way suited to the trade in which she will be chiefly engaged, namely that of carrying indented coolies from Fukien to the Dutch East Indies. There is, however, excellent accommodation for sixteen 1st class passengers in 2-berth cabins and 30 2nd class passengers in 3-berth cabins. The entire ship is lit by electricity, whilst fresh water is laid on to all cabins.

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FRANCE'S NAVY.

Paris, Jan. 4.

The French 1927 naval building programme provides for 95 new units at a total cost of two milliard francs.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Hakusan Maru" from London, via ports, on Jan. 10 were:—

Rev. D. C. Arranz, Mr. H. V. Albrecht, Rev. F. Banda, Lt. J. Castelo Branco, Mrs. Maria C. Branco, Rev. S. P. Borbujo, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennys, Master H. L. Dennys, Mrs. Barrington Foote, Rev. F. R. Gutterrez, Rev. G. P. Garcia, Mr. T. J. Hume, Rev. P. M. Lopez, Mr. A. K. Macleod, Mrs. Jane Macleod, Rev. B. T. Nieto, Rev. F. G. Ordas, Rev. N. Puras, Mr. R. K. Peck, Miss W. J. Starkey, Mr. H. Kleppan, Mr. C. A. Sundararaj, Mr. L. de Souza, Mr. G. de Souza, Miss Anderson, Mr. A. C. Burgoine, Mrs. M. G. Burgoine, Mrs. B. Harris, Mr. A. F. T. Holland, Mr. G. E. Osland Hill, Mr. W. H. Inskip, Mr. R. F. Johnson, Mr. Keshdlol, Mr. Moolchand Kapur, Mr. D. Mckenzie, Mrs. Newmarch, Mr. Peck, Mr. W. R. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Selles, Mr. T. Wallace, Mr. E. R. Gadd, Mrs. Gadd, Mr. F. Hopes, Mrs. K. E. Hopes, Mr. K. B. Hult, Mr. J. Leidersdorff, Mrs. A. J. Leidersdorff, Mrs. A. M. Mouland, Miss E. Peall, Miss F. M. Shelley, Miss H. Scott, Mrs. M. Treacher, Mr. W. O. Woodford.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Hakusan Maru" for Shanghai and Japan on Jan. 10 were:—

Mr. W. R. Parker, Mr. W. H. Inskip, Mr. G. E. Osland-Hill, Mrs. and Miss Urquhart, Mr. Wallace, Mr. A. F. T. Holland, Miss A. G. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Selles, Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Burgoine, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. N. Newmarch, Mr. H. E. Peck, Mr. Mckenzie, Mr. B. Kesholal, Mr. M. Kabul, Mr. H. Rai, Mr. B. Jemchoojin, Mrs. F. Treacher, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. J. Liedersdorff, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gadd, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hopes, Mrs. A. Mouland, Miss F. M. A. Shelly, Mr. W. O. Woodford, Mr. L. B. Hult, Miss E. E. Peall, Miss O. H. Scott.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.

Hong Kong Station, Jan. 6, 1926.

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MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	13th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHYBER	9,114	7th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	M'lles, L'don, A'werp, H'burg & R'dam
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TALAMBA	8,500	7th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Kolambugan, Iloilo, Cebu, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne — Thursday
TANDA	6,956	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	
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TILAWA	10,000	15th Jan. 6 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TALAMBA	8,500	15th Jan.	*Moji & Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	27th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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HIGH COST OF GAS.

Due to Price of Foreign Coal.

London, Dec. 14.

Addressing the National Gas Council, the President, Mr. Milne Watson, said it was impossible to reduce the price of gas till foreign coal was paid for. Gas undertakings for two months yet must live on foreign coal. He gave as an instance the Gas, Light and Coke Compny buying 1,000,000 tons of foreign coal for £2,400,000, equal to 100 to 150 per cent. dearer than usual. Without foreign coal gas supplies would fail in a week.

HUBBUB IN KENYA.

Compulsory Military Service Opposed.

London, Dec. 15.

Nairobi.—Following a lengthy series of letters to the Press there was general public opposition to the Defence Force Bill, which includes compulsory service.

A largely attended meeting was held in Nairobi yesterday evening, which adopted by an overwhelming majority a resolution opposing the entire Bill and instructing members of the local Legislative Council to support the new Bill on a voluntary basis.

LEPROSY EXPERT'S PRIZE.

New York, Jan. 1.

Dr. Roger Adams, head of the department of chemistry of the University of Illinois, has been awarded the Nichols medal in chemistry for 1926. Dr. Adams won the award for his work in applying chaulmoogra oil in leprosy cases. He is associate editor of the Journal of the American Chemical society.

29 LYNCHED IN U. S.

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.

Twenty-nine persons, including two women, were lynched in the United States in 1926, according to figures issued at the Tuskegee Institute, a negro educational institution here. This was thirteen more than were lynched in 1925. Most of the persons lynched were negroes.

PLOT AGAINST KING.

Paris, Dec. 31.

A Sofia dispatch to the Paris edition of the London "Daily Mail" says a widespread communist plot to seize King Boris of Bulgaria and force him to abdicate his throne has been frustrated by the police. A Communist leader named Strainoff was arrested and has committed suicide in jail.

PRESIDENT'S SON WOUNDED.

Nogales, Arizona, Dec. 27.

The "Herald" says Rodolfo E. Calles, son of President Calles of Mexico, was wounded at Cajem, Sonora and his assailant, Captain Luis Armenta of the Federal Army has been sent to prison to await trial. No details of the attack were available.

FALL'S DOCTORS' HOPE.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31.

Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, who is ill here with pneumonia, was attacked to-day with a violent coughing spell. Two physicians attending him think, however, that chances for his recovery are good.

FORGED FINNISH MARKS.

London, Dec. 30.

Faked bills amounting to some millions of Finnish marks recently passed through the Banks. This it is believed to be the work of an international gang operating in European countries.

FREE MOVIES.

Redbank, N. J., Jan. 4.

A thousand persons enjoyed free movies at the Carlton Theatre here on Sunday when the management found that the only way to get their patrons through a wall of 20 policemen bent on enforcing the blue laws was by eliminating the box office.

BELASCO BETTER.

New York, Jan. 3.

David Belasco, the dramatist, who has been suffering from shock since Saturday when his motor car was in collision with another car, was somewhat improved to-day. His physicians have hopes of his recovery.

ALPINE CLIMBERS KILLED.

Vienna, Jan. 3.

The peak of a small mountain in the Tyrolean Alps, probably dislodged by an earthquake, toppled over and swept ten mountain-climbing tourists to death.

ROME'S NIGHT CLUBS

DANCING AFTER MIDNIGHT PROHIBITED.

London, Jan. 3.

According to a message from Rome, the police order prohibiting all dancing after midnight means the end of all night clubs in Rome. Such places will be allowed to remain open and serve food and drinks until 2 a.m. This order follows agitation in the press after the recent fire at the Apollo Theatre causing the deaths of four girl dancers there.

SPARK CAUSES BLAST.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.

A spark from one of the electric elevators in the Crocker National Bank building here last night touched off approximately 5,000 cubic feet of gas which had escaped from a loose connection. The blast wrecked the building, rocked the financial and hotel district and injured eight persons.

FRANCE'S UNEMPLOYED.

London, Dec. 29.

The condition of the unemployed is being discussed by the French Cabinet. An important decision has been made that not one penny be granted in doles but that work be found as rapidly as possible for all requiring it. France's unemployed number 30,000, 10,000 being in Paris.

TRIBAL BATTLE.

Bulawayo, Dec. 31.

Three natives were killed, 95 were seriously wounded, and about 50 huts were burned, in a tribal battle lasting over five hours, at Wankie colliery. The rioters were ultimately dispersed by Europeans using shot guns.

AMERICAN FLOODS.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.

Forecasts of colder weather to-day and clear skies to-morrow, supported the hopes that relief was in sight for the flooded areas of several states, where continuous rains have brought about inundation.

B.A.T. STRIKE OVER.

Hankow, Jan. 4.

The employees' strike of the British-American Tobacco Company was settled on Dec. 31 as a result of negotiations between Mr. Soong Tse-vung and the company's representative. After signing of the agreement, all factories resumed their work.

WOMAN CLIMBS FUJIYAMA.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.

A young woman 22 years of age, graduate of a woman's university, conquered snowclad Mt. Fuji last Sunday with two mountain guides, this being the year's first attempt to reach to summit.

FRANCE'S FINANCES.

Complete reversal of the financial and economic situation faces France in 1927. The country is optimistic with the business situation and the franc improved as compared with a year ago.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE FAST SET" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Faultless scenes, artistic direction and an absorbing story all act as a background for a superb cast in "The Fast Set." Clara Beranger adapted the photoplay from Frederick Lonsdale's stage hit, "Spring Cleaning."

The originality of the plot is something that deserves honourable mention. The story unfolds the manner in which a husband saves his wife from a gay Lothario who makes a hobby of making love to married women. The husband, a famous author, surrounded by his high-brow friends, doesn't realize that his wife, young, beautiful and full of life, is bored to tears with her commonplace existence. It is when he wakes from his fool's paradise to discover that he is in danger of losing her that events begin to happen thick and fast.

There is no lack of acting talent. Betty Compson, Adolphe Menjou, Elliott Dexter and Zasu Pitts, are the four featured players.

AT THE STAR.

"THE BEAUTY PRIZE" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Beauty and comedy are the predominant features of Viola Dana's picture, "The Beauty Prize." The story by Nina Wilcox Putnam has for its heroine a New York manicurist, who is mistaken for a society girl when her mother takes care of a wealthy matron's home during the summer.

She enters a beauty contest, and is chosen to represent the State at the national finals. She wins and is about to accept the cash prize, when she decides she has triumphed under false pretences, and gives the money back. In order to escape the publicity of her act, she steals away to a small town, and nearly starves. Then occurs a climax which is something out of the ordinary.

Pat O'Malley appears opposite the star. Others in the cast include Edward Connelly, Eddie Phillips, Joan Standing, and Edith Yorke. Lloyd Ingraham was the director, while Winifred Dunn did the continuity, and John Arnold was the photographer.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"GREED" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Gibson Gowland, Zasu Pitts, and Jean Hersholt have the principal roles in "Greed," which is an elaborate film version of Frank Norris's famous novel, "McTeague."

As Frederic Taber Cooper wrote in "The Bookman" when the novel was published: "The symbol in 'McTeague' is the spirit of greed represented by gold; we find it in the lottery prize which Trina wins; in the huge gilded tooth of the dentist's sign; in the Polish Jew, Zerkow, 'The Man with the Rake,' groping hourly in the muck heap of the city for gold, for gold, for gold; in the visionary gold dishes of Maria Macapa's diseased fancy, yellow blaze like fire, like a sunset; and finally in the coins on which Trina delighted to stretch her naked limbs at night, in her strange passion for money, and which finally lured both McTeague and his enemy to their death in the alkali desert."

It took two years to get the story filmed and the picture has been acclaimed everywhere as the greatest triumph in realism among photoplays.

BIRKENHEAD'S HOLIDAY.

Scottish Secretary Takes Over.

London, Dec. 15.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Baldwin said that the Secretary of State for Scotland would be in charge of the India Office during Lord Birkenhead's absence at Madeira.

Mr. Campbell Stephen asked who was to look after Scotland's affairs if Sir John Gilmour was looking after India's affairs.

Mr. Baldwin said he hoped that in Scotland they would look after themselves in the interval. (Laughter).

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GINYO MARU	Middle of February.	

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FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday,	29th January.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday,	12th February.

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AKI MARU	Wednesday,	19th Jan., at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday,	23rd February.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU	Thursday,	10th February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TAJIMA MARU	Saturday,	5th February.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAMAKURA MARU	Saturday,	5th February.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

TAMBA MARU	Thursday,	13th January.
RANGOON MARU	Saturday,	22nd January.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

PENANG MARU	Wednesday,	19th January.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU	Saturday,	21st January.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KITANO MARU	Tuesday,	25th January.
MURORAN MARU	Wednesday,	26th January.
HAKATA MARU	Wednesday,	26th January.
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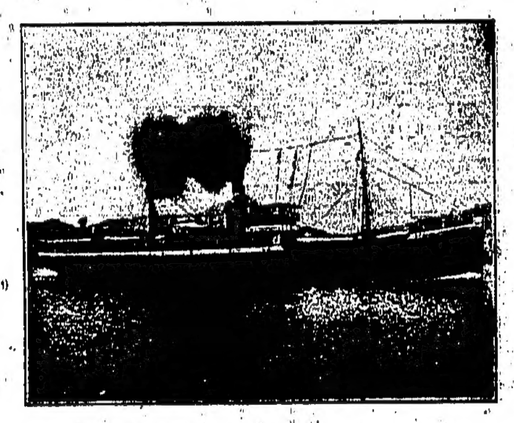

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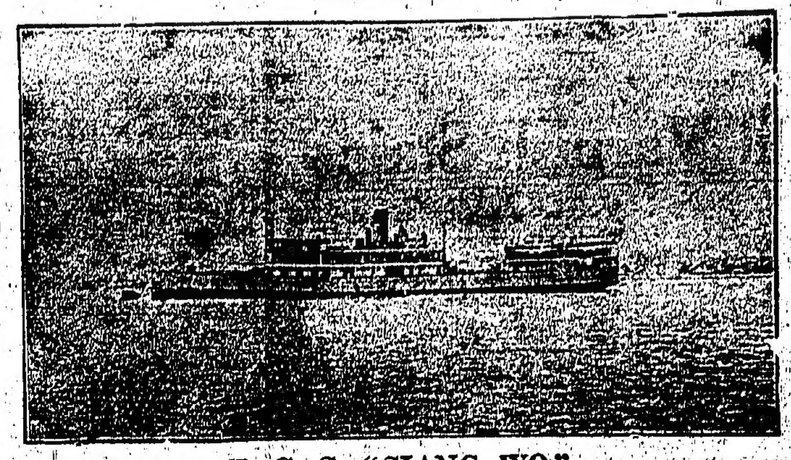

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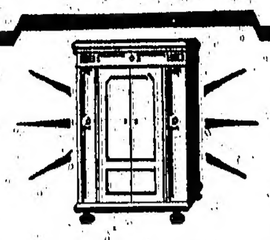

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NASH—JACKSON.—On January 3, 1927, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, before E. G. Jamieson, Esq., H.B.M. Acting Consul, and afterwards at the Holy Trinity Cathedral by the Very Rev. Dean C. J. F. Symons, M.A., Harold Hamlyn Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nash, Shanghai, to Vera Brumfield Jackson, daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Jackson and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Shanghai.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1927.

UNMASKED?

It would seem at first sight that Mr. Eugene Chen has given himself away. Invited by the London "Daily News" to explain the attitude of the Cantonese Government toward the foreign population of Hankow, Mr. Chen states that "now that the Concession ceases to be a piece of unredeemed China, my Government regards the effective protection of Britons and other foreigners in Hankow as of vital interest to Nationalist China."

Two things can be read into that. First, so far as the "effective protection" of foreigners is concerned, it does not weigh one ounce with the Nationalist Government so long as they are residing in a part of "unredeemed China." There may be murder, assault, robbery, insult—if a foreigner in a Concession is affected the Nationalist Government will heed not and care not. Hooligan mobs may invade a foreign Concession, decimate the foreigners, seize their property, and generally run amok—what careth the Nationalist Government? Not a scrap! It is no concern of its. If foreigners, supposed to be protected by the sacred rights of Treaties, choose to live and trade in a piece of "unredeemed China" they do so at their own risk. They are merely asking for trouble from uncontrollable hordes of coolies. Prevention of outrages is no business of the Nationalist Government. That, in effect, is what can be read into Mr. Eugene Chen's "explanation" of the attitude of the Cantonese Government toward foreigners in Hankow and other Concessions. Should that be a misconstruction then he has his own phraseology to blame for it.

Furthermore, as the "Daily News" points out, to hand over to a howling mob the task of expropriating the Concession was an act of barbarism. Mr. Chen's placid acceptance of it as an accomplished fact and as a just tribute to a high moral purpose of Nationalist policy has in it a certain air of impudence not unworthy of Mussolini and his methods. The real significance of the message rests in the implied intention to recover as soon as it can—in whatever manner presents itself—control of all foreign Concessions in China. This, of course, is unthinkable — at least if the same methods as at Hankow are to be followed. Take Shanghai, for instance. Are M. Borodin and Mr. Sun Fo going to make inflammatory anti-British speeches inciting the Chinese in Shanghai to mob rule? Is it intended that howling hooligans should invade the British Settlement in Shanghai, menace the lives of British subjects, and wantonly assault and insult British Marines and Volunteers? And, if so, does Mr. Eugene Chen intend to take the expropriation of Shanghai as an accomplished fact and talk large of the duty subsequently of giving "effective protection" to foreigners?

Such is the logical inference of his "explanation" in regard to the position in Hankow. Again, Mr. Eugene Chen may say that the inference is wrong; but he will find on all sides entire disagreement with any other inference. He must stand or fall by the plain English of his own utterances as cabled to London. And these utterances spell connivance with the howling mob and exaltation at their act of barbarism in ejecting the British from the Concession in Hankow, thus saving the Nationalist Government recourse to the ordinary civilised mode of procedure by negotiation and agreement.

Red Propaganda.

The lie direct is given to Mr. Lloyd George and a certain section of the Home Press which refuses to believe that the anti-foreign outbreak in China is the work of Moscow and not simply an ebullition of Chinese "Nationalism." One of the illustrated posters exhibited in Hankow—in the British Concession—displays the Soviet flag, with the hammer and sickle prominent; also pictures of Marx, Sun Yat-sen, and Lenin; and, finally, a representation of Russia holding out the hand of friendship to Young China. In contrast with this is the picture of a bloated John Bull standing on the necks of two prostrate Chinese. The next illustration shows the same Chinese waking up and half upsetting John Bull; whilst the final picture shows the same Chinese on top of John Bull and bayoneting him through the heart. There is, of course, "suitable" letterpress in Chinese. A clearer case of Bolshevist-inspired propaganda against the British could scarcely be conceived. It is a deliberate insult to Great Britain. It is a wilful attempt to fan the flames of feeling in China against the British. Is it not time that Moscow was asked by the British Foreign Office to explain matters and forced to cease for all time its pernicious propaganda outside Russian borders?

Hong Kong Guilds.

Everyone recognises that the Chinese workers must be permitted facilities, along with the workers of other countries, in bettering his lot. But is the guild system, as conducted in the past the best means by which the worker can obtain representation in industrial matters? And is the guild really run for the benefit of the worker or for the benefit of those in whose hands is the executive control? It is generally known that there were large defalcations on the part of certain Guild officials in Hong Kong in July of 1925 when the strike broke out, and attention has again been focussed on the question by the allegations of a solicitor in the local courts this week as to the conduct of Guild officials whom he alleges fled to Canton with the workers' funds. The events of the past year have brought home to the workers the true nature of the motives which actuated many of the officials who were supposed to be working in the interests of the workers they represented, and it has become apparent that guild officials and agitators have been at the bottom of much of the trouble with which Hong Kong has been faced from time to time, their activities being concerned more with politics than with looking after the trade interests of the members. A tour of the city will show that quite 50 per cent. of the guilds are no longer able to keep up headquarters and many of those still having offices are in very low water financially. It may be that, in common with the workers in other places who have had brought home to them the emptiness and foolishness of promises held out to them by professional agitators, the members of the guilds will never again be willing agents in any such happenings as those which have brought only misery to themselves. It is to be hoped that the Government realises that something is needed to replace conditions under which artisans and labourers are ruthlessly exploited by professional agitators. Why not a Labour Protection Union for Hong Kong?

OBITUARY.

MR. VAN GENNEP LUHRS.

The death is announced of Mr. Van Gennep Luhrs, proprietor of the Holland-Pacific Trading Co., who passed away at his residence in Macao on Friday.

The late Mr. Luhrs, who was 36 years of age, first came to Hong Kong in 1914, when he joined the Netherlands Trading Society. Later he went into business with Mr. Heyblem after which he started on his own account as the Holland Pacific Trading Company, Ltd. This business was liquidated in 1923 and was then re-established at Macao where it has since been carried on.

The many friends of the late Mr. Luhrs will regret his death and sympathise with the widow and two children in their bereavement.

Following the discovery of the so-called "Peking man," anthropologists in Peking assert that it has been definitely proved that man existed 1,000,000 years ago.

STOLEN BANGLES.

A "MARVEL" & FOOL IN COURT.

TWO YEAR'S OLD THEFT.

The case in which a well-dressed Chinese was charged with the theft of a pair of gold bangles by means of a trick was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, his Worship finding the defendant "guilty" and sentencing him to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Defendant surrendered to his bail of $1,000.

Mr. F. H. Loseby watched the proceedings on behalf of the complainant, but did not examine the witnesses, Det.-Sgt. Rozeskey prosecuting on behalf of the Police.

Complainant, a married woman, said that the defendant had hired a back room in her house in anticipation of the arrival of his wife from Macao. They were on friendly terms for several weeks until one day he asked witness to lend him her two gold bangles in order to have them copied. Witness agreed to do so, but it was understood that they would be returned the following day. Defendant then disappeared and was not seen for nine months, when witness' husband met him in Wanchai. In the meantime, however, a pawn ticket had been found in respect of the two bangles which had since been redeemed by witness.

Again Disappears.

Defendant had taken witness' husband to a house where he promised to obtain money to compensate her for the cost of redeeming the bangles, but had disappeared through another entrance and had not been seen until last Tuesday afternoon when witness and her husband met him in the street. An altercation followed and all three went to Wanchai Police Station.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant said that the woman's story was entirely untrue.

Ho Yau, a coolie employed by complainant, said that he had seen the defendant several times during the period that he was alleged to have disappeared.

Mr. Lindsell said that he did not think the witness knew anything about the case except what he had been told to say by his mistress, which had "apparently become all muddled up." (laughter.)

Complainant's husband corroborated her story, adding that he found the pawn ticket under an abacus on his desk.

The pawn-broker's accountant identified the pawn ticket.

A Marvel and A Fool!

In reply to his Worship, witness said although it was nearly two years ago, he remembered that the man who pawned the goods wore a coat similar to that which the accused was wearing in Court.

Mr. Lindsell: You remember that? You're a marvel

His Worship asked the defendant if he had anything to say.

Defendant: It is all wrong.

His Worship: What's the use of saying that, you silly fool?

The defendant said that he had never pawned the goods.

Mr. Lindsell: No one ever said you did. It is somewhat extraordinary that the person who did, however, should have given your name.

A Grudge.

Continuing, the defendant said that it was a case of a grudge. The complainant's husband frequently visited his, the defendant's, house at Macao where he made remarks about his wife. Every time he had seen the man since that occasion he had reminded him of his conduct at Macao.

His Worship convicted the man, sentencing him as stated above.

LOCAL C.M.S. WEEK.

In connection with the annual Church Missionary Association week, organised by St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, a successful sale of work was held yesterday when something like $300 was raised. The sale was opened by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works). In connection with the same work a service for young people is to be held this evening at six o'clock, followed by a service for adults at the Vicarage at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow the annual devotional service will be held at St. Andrew's when the speaker will be the Rev. A. D. Stewart. On Thursday at 6 p.m. there will be a lantern lecture on India; and the week will be brought to a conclusion on Friday with a musical evening in the Chater Room of the Church Hall.

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OPTICAL GOODS.

"RECEIVING" CHARGE FAILS.

NO GUILTY KNOWLEDGE.

The case in which two Chinese were charged with "receiving" a quantity of optometrical instruments alleged to have been stolen by a shareholder in the National Optical Company, Ltd., Queen's Road Central, was again before Mr. W. S. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. Duncan McCallum defending the two accused.

It will be recalled that a third man, who, it was alleged, removed the goods from the optical establishment, was originally charged with larceny, but failed to put in an appearance at the last hearing, forfeiting his bail of $500.

At the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, the 2nd. defendant, who described himself as a boarding-house runner, was examined at some length by Mr. McCallum.

Witness said that, acting on instructions from the 1st. defendant, he took a quantity of optical goods to No. 54, Connaught Road Central. Witness could not say to whom they belonged. He had not seen the first defendant since his arrest and did not know whether he had left the Colony or not.

Cross-examined, witness said that he did not know why the goods were taken to the roof of the boarding house.

The 3rd. defendant gave similar evidence. Witness admitted taking the goods on to the roof, but did so upon the instructions of the 1st defendant. Witness had no knowledge at the time that the goods had been unlawfully removed from the premises of the National Optical Company and did not know that anything was wrong.

In reply to a question from his Worship, witness said that it was quite a common practice to store things on the roof of the house, camp beds and other things often being left there from time to time.

The Magistrate said that he was satisfied that the two defendants had acted under the orders of the 1st. defendant who, unfortunately, had absconded. There was no evidence to show that the two men in Court had guilty knowledge of what had taken place earlier in the evening, and they would therefore be discharged.

DEGREE DAY.

CONGREGATION AT THE UNIVERSITY.

DR. S. W. PHOON'S HONOUR.

Among the recipients of distinctions at the University Degree Congregation this afternoon is Dr. Phoon Seck-weng, of the medical staff of the Alice Memorial Hospital, an old University graduate. An M.D. degree, for which Dr. Phoon has qualified, has only been conferred by the Hong Kong University once previously—to Dr. G. H. Thomas of the Tung Wah Hospital.

While at the University, Dr. Phoon won many highly prized scholarships, including the King Edward VII scholarship, the Belilios scholarship, the University prize, the Chan Kai Ming scholarship and the first Jordan scholarship. In 1921, when he graduated, he had conferred on him the M.B. degree.

Since leaving the University, Dr. Phoon has worked at the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, specialising in tropical medicine.

Dr. Phoon will be heartily congratulated on the well merited distinction to be conferred on him, not only by friends in Hong Kong but also many in Singapore. He comes of a highly respected family of Chinese in the Straits, his father being a well-known landed proprietor who has now retired from business.

Dr. Phoon's brothers were all graduates of the Hong Kong University and hold the unique record for three brothers of having secured the King Edward scholarship in three successive years.

TSINGTAO MURDER.

CIGARETTE CO. EMPLOYEE KILLED.

Tsingtao, Jan. 4.

An engineer named Semenoff of the British Cigarette Co., Tsingtao, was murdered on December 29 when returning from work. Two assassins have now been arrested who admit firing the seven fatal pistol shots. Both are named Wong. The murdered man was recently promoted over one of them at the factory.

MR. CHEN'S CABLE.

Nationalists Retaining Concession.

NOW "REDEEMED CHINA."

London, Jan. 10.

In response to the "Daily News" invitation to explain the attitude of the Cantonese Government towards the foreign population at Hankow, Mr. Eugene Chen has cabled:

"The extension of Nationalist control to the British concession at Hankow is in itself the amplest guarantee that the lives and property of British and other nationals in the concession shall and must be protected by my Government.

"Whilst the Concession remained under purely British control it was not the duty of my Government to attend to the protection of foreigners there, but now the Concession ceases to be a piece of unredeemed China my Government regards the effective protection of Englishmen and other foreigners in Hankow as the vital interest of Nationalist China."

"Cynical."

The "Daily News" says the Foreign Minister's message is "not only clever but significant of the situation, that may be unpleasant but has to be faced, with reference to "unredeemed China," clearly an appeal to the sympathy of all the Nationalists and irredentists of the world. The leader describes the message as a somewhat cynical document, and recalls that the Cantonese Government previously merely shilly-shallied regarding the responsibility to protect the foreigner from Cantonese excesses.

The paper condemns Mr. Chen for handing over the task of expropriating the Concession to a howling mob. This act was merely one of barbarism, and Chen's placid acceptance of the accomplished fact as a just tribute to the high moral purpose of the Nationalist policy has a certain air of impudence not unworthy of Mussolini methods. The real significance of the message rests in the implied intention to recover,—so soon as it can in whatever manner presents itself—the control of all the foreign concessions in China.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

Municipal Council's State.

Shanghai, Jan. 10.

In view of the anxiety of foreigners in Shanghai as to whether, in the event of an attack on the Internatinoal Settlement, it would be defended, the Municipal Council of the International Settlement to-night issued the following reassuring statement:

"In view of the recent occurrences in other ports, the Council deems it expedient to make the following public statement for the information of all concerned.

Firstly, the Council is not concerned with, and takes no official interest in, party politics; secondly, for this reason the Council has prohibited political meetings, demonstrations, speeches, or political propaganda of any description within the Settlement or upon the Municipal roads.

Co-Operation With Chinese.

Thirdly, in the interests of peace and order, the Council will continue to co-operate as heretofore with whatever Chinese administration controls the territory adjoining the boundaries of its own jurisdiction.

Fourthly, the Council will direct all its energies and resources towards maintaining order, and ensuring the safety of life and property within the area under its control, and to this end has endeavoured to make all necessary protective arrangements.

Fifthly, the Council will rigorously suppress all forms of violence or disorder, and to accomplish this purpose will not hesitate to use all the means at its disposal.

Sixthly, finally the Council warns all persons against the activities of professional agitators who are taking advantage of the disturbed conditions in the country, and preaching doctrines of force and class hatred at a time when toleration and moderation are more than ever necessary."—Reuter.

POSITION AT HANKOW.

To-day's Earlier Messages.

Rugby, Jan. 10.

No appreciable change in the situation in the Yangtse Valley has been reported.

At Hankow, where all was quiet yesterday, parties of English residents who, on the injunction of the British authorities, are being quartered in the Asiatic Petroleum Company's building on the waterfront, strolled through the Concession unmolested.

British business men are disinclined in the present conditions to resume trade relations, as requested by Mr. Chen, the Cantonese Government's Foreign Minister. They prefer not to open their premises until a very clear understanding of the present and future position, and the fullest safeguards, have been received.

The "Morning Post" says their decision has reacted to the detriment of the Chinese themselves, and adds: "The suspension of all business in the Concessions has thrown out of gear the whole Business organisation of the Chinese traders and merchants. Banks and business houses being shut, credit operations and bill discounting are at a standstill. Hence the desire of the Chinese authorities to persuade the Concession to open up immediately."

The "Times" says the British Government desire to use reason, not force, in dealing with the Nationalists. The inflammability of the illiterate working population has already been demonstrated. Chinese Nationalism is a product of education, and this organisation of the masses who know nothing of political issues causes foreigners to suspect that the interests of Nationalism are being subordinated to those of Communists.

The "Times" adds, "The Cantonese Government are on trial, and the verdict will depend on their ability to maintain order in Hankow, and upon manifestation of an intention to respect the rights of others as they would have others respect theirs."—British Wireless Service.

ICHANG POSITION.

Women and Children Leave.

Ichang, Jan. 9.

All British women and children have been evacuated from Ichang. The situation is quiet.—Naval Wireless.

RIVER GUNBOATS.

Two More Coming To China.

London, Jan. 10.

It has been decided to send to China the river gunboats "Aphis" and "Ladybird," which have hitherto been maintained at Malta.

The gunboats, which were formerly with the British flotilla on the Danube, are similar to the "insect" class, which were prominent in recent events on the Yangtsze.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS LEAVE.

Situation in Interior.

Peking, Jan. 10.

The situation in the interior of South-Western China is steadily worsening.

In addition to the British, many Americans are leaving the interior towns. All the American women and children are evacuating Ichang.

Anti-foreign disturbances occurred at Chungking last week, when Cantonese soldiers and mobs desecrated the foreign cemetery, smashing and overturning tombstones.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S FEARS.

Papers Suggest Powers Co-Operate.

Tokyo, Jan. 10.

"John Bull will not allow himself to be bullied," is the verdict of the "Asahi," which warns the Chinese not to imagine the capture of the Concession at Hankow means Britain's subjection.

Both the "Asahi" and "Nichi Nichi" reflect what appears to be growing apprehension that Japan's turn may come next.

The "Asahi" advocates that the Powers co-operate, as this will be the best mutual safeguard, though it does not intimate what form this co-operation should take.—Reuter.

PROPAGANDA.

Some Typical Examples.

Shanghai, Jan. 9.

A striking example of the type of "Red" propaganda in Hankow which helps one to understand how Chinese mob anger is created, is shown here by one of the refugees from Hankow.

It is one of the illustrated posters containing a series of pictures which have been posted on the British Cenotaph and the Municipal Buildings in the British Concession at Hankow. The first picture is the Soviet flag, with the hammer and sickle prominently displayed. Then come pictures of Marx, Sun Yat-sen and Lenin. Next is a representation of Russia extending the hand of friendship to Young China.

In contrast with this is the picture of a bloated John Bull standing on the necks of two prostrate Chinese. The next illustration shows the same Chinese waking up and half upsetting John Bull, while the final picture shows the same Chinese on top of John Bull and bayonetting him through the heart. There is, of course, suitable letterpress in Chinese.—Reuter.

HEALING A BREACH.

CHURCH AND STATE IN ITALY.

RELIGION IN THE ARMY.

Rome, Dec. 30.

The Pope is much pleased with Mussolini's measures giving regular religious assistance to the fighting forces.

Henceforth every army division will have a head chaplain with subchaplains under him. These will work and officiate in military hospitals and infirmaries, cadets' colleges, soldiers' clubs, recreation centres, and military penitentiaries. The naval aviation bases will also be supplied with chaplains.

Signor Mussolini appointed Monsignore Pannizardi, who fought in the World War, as Chief Chaplain with the rank of lieutenant-General.

A special house in Rome will provide the nucleus of chaplains for future fighting forces. This is a most important move though possibly unofficial, to complete a reconciliation between Church and State.

'QUAKES IN JAVA.

EUROPEAN HOMES GREATLY DAMAGED.

London, Dec. 14.

Batavia.—There have been 19 earthquake shocks in the neighbourhood of north-west Java, but there has been only one case in which there was serious injury.

Several European houses at Au Proepiel are considerably damaged and a number of native dwellings have been destroyed.

A Government official was telephoning with the neighbouring Administrator when the telephone connection was cut off, but he managed to hear the Administrator explain that the house from which he was speaking was on the point of collapsing as the result of a violent shock.

JOBS FOR ALL IN 1927.

Washington, Jan. 1.

If the predictions of two of the nation's economic advisers are to be taken seriously those wanting work in 1927 can find it.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, said that the United States as "a whole enters the New Year with a job in prospect for most everybody, with the nation better fed, better housed and better clothed than any other nation."

Mr. Francis Jones, Director of the Federal Employment Service, said the New Year should equal, if not surpass, 1926 in the volume of employment.

BARGAIN WITH BANDITS.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.

The two kidnapped Americans, J. W. Wiley and E. B. Connors, were released to-day on payment to the kidnappers of P700. They have both arrived safely at Francisco Del Oro, Chihuahua. The kidnappers originally demanded P10,000. The Americans are both mining men. Federal troops were dispatched for the bandits on order of President Calles, but apparently the ransom money reached them before the soldiers.

BRITISH SHIP ADRIFT.

New York City, Dec. 30.

The British steamship "Clearton" with forty men aboard, is drifting helplessly and rudderless five hundred miles east of Baltimore.

The vessel was bound for Ireland. Several steamers are rushing to the aid of the vessel, as a storm is predicted for to-night.

FORMER SENATOR'S DEATH.

Wilmington, Del Dec. 31.

Former Senator Henry A. Du Pont of Delaware, died here of a heart attack to-day. He was a cousin of the present senator from Delaware, Coleman Du Pont.

EMPIRE RESEARCH.

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE ENTERPRISE.

PUBLICATION OF MONOGRAPHS.

The Council of the Royal Colonial Institute have resolved to set a small sum annually from the funds of the Institute to facilitate the publication of original monographs embodying the results of research relating to the British Empire overseas. Grants will be made from this fund from time to time upon the recommendation of a small committee. The conditions governing the award of grants will be as follows:—

1. Save in exceptional cases, candidates must not be more than 30 years of age on December 31 of the year of application.

2. The monographs submitted for aid in publication must embody the results of research conducted by the candidate into some matter of importance relating to the British Empire overseas or some associated subject.

3. The research may be concerned with any appropriate subject whether in political, natural or economic science, or in the field of literature.

4. No rigid limits of length are imposed, but in general it is expected that, with a view to their publication as octavo volumes, the monographs shall contain not more than, say, 200 to 250 pages, i.e., 40,000—60,000 words.

5. No limitation of subject or method of treatment is prescribed. In general, however, it may be suggested that those monographs are most likely to secure grants in aid which, by the importance of their subject and their literary presentation, will make an appeal to the general reader.

6. The next allocation of grants will be made about the end of January, 1928. The work submitted, together with particulars of the candidate's career, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2, and should reach the Institute before October 31, 1927. Work that does not receive a grant during the year of application may also, at the discretion of the Committee, be considered during the following year, if still unpublished.

7. The successful work will be published in a uniform style in a series to be known as "The Imperial Studies Series," under the general editorship of a person or persons appointed by the Council. The copyright of the works so published shall remain the property of the authors, but the consent of the Council shall be required for any republication of the works.

ISAKO'S CIRCUS.

SPECIAL ITEMS FOR CLOSING DAYS.

For the last nine days of Isako's Circus at Kowloon, the proprietor, who is about to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into circus life, offers patrons a bill of fare which promises still further to enhance a programme which old and young alike have found most attractive during the few weeks that the circus has been here. A number of tricks of mysticism and conjuring will be performed in addition to the regular programme. Seats may be booked at Anderson's.

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THEATRE ROYAL SHOW.

There can be very few people who were at the Theatre Royal last night who did not leave thoroughly happy and satisfied, for the concensus of opinion in the vestibule was that the show was one of the best amateur efforts staged in the Colony for many years.

Assisted by the band of H.M.S. "Hawkins," a company of eleven artists got the ball rolling at top speed, item succeeding item in rapid succession, thanks in large measure to the able stage-management of Lt. Commander P. J. Mack, R.N.

The items, for the most part, were in a humorous strain, but several well-known ballads were introduced now and again, a policy which met with general approval on the part of the audience. This particularly refers to "West of the Great Divide," admirably rendered by J. H. Sherhod in the first half, and "When clouds have vanished," sung with much effect by J. Griffiths in the latter half.

The concerted number were exceptionally good, particularly "Oh Charlie take it away," in which W. A. Little and a strong supporting chorus scored heavily.

Two "funny "stunt" turns—both, it is understood, the creation of Commander Mack—sent the audience into hysterics during the first part of the programme, but to divulge their "plots" would not be wise. They must be seen without knowledge of the plot to be more fully appreciated.

The second half was opened by the band of the "Hawkins" who presented an orchestral number of a type known to the London variety stage i.e. a concert by the inmates of a lunatic asylum. There were some really clever acrobatic feats by Musician Barnes (H.M.S. "Hermes") whose services were secured for the occasion.

C. J. Coney was the only "lady" in the show, but he is evidently well versed in this type of part. Partnered with W. A. Cutcher, he was, perhaps, happier than in his other items. This, number, as a matter of fact, was one of the best on the programme.

The programme closed with a concerted number "The Three Huntsmen."

The orchestra, under Mr. G. W. Hooper, R.N.B., accompanied the entire programme with excellent precision.

EX-SERVICE M.P.'S DEATH

Rugby, January 10.—Mr. Douglas Pielou, Conservative Member of Parliament for Stourbridge, died yesterday. He was severely wounded in the war, and in Parliament displayed a deep interest in the welfare of ex-Service men.—British Wireless Service.

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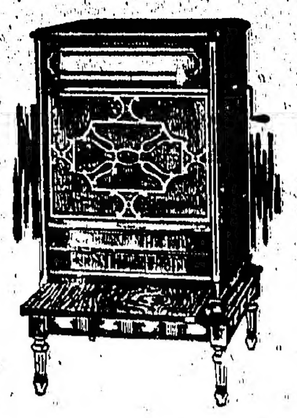

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A London message of Dec. 29 states that Indarini, the biggest and best-loved elephant in the London Zoo, has died of blood-poisoning.

Excellent calendars advertising Allsopp's British Pilsener Beer, Simonds' Pale Ale and Simonds' Milk Stout have been received by the "China Mail" from the local agents for these famous products, Messrs. Caldbeck Macgregor and Co., Ltd.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society will begin rehearsals of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Monday next. In the chorus are a few vacancies for all voices. Those wishing to take part should attend St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. on Mondays and 8.45 p.m. on Thursdays.

Out of nearly 5,000 employees of Shanghai general goods shops, only 500 are still out, the rest having accepted the scale of increases offered by their employers. About two hundred of the strikers have been paid off by the shopkeepers who found they could manage without them.

The superintendent of the lunatic asylum at Clermont-sur-Oise has been informed officially that one of his patients, a widow named Dedier, aged 49, is the winner of the prize of 1,000,000 francs as the result of the last Credit National bond-drawing. He communicated the news to her, but it had no effect, as she believes herself to be immensely rich and engaged to marry a prince of the Bourbon family.

Shroffs had called repeatedly, and to no avail. The youthful Shanghailander was an adept at the gentle art of postponement and the creditor firm were beginning to get "fed up." Consequently they sent round a foreigner. A long discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which the would-be collector said, wearily: "Very well then, I am to tell the firm you will probably pay up at the end of the month." The delinquent puckered his brow thoughtfully. Then: "Oh I say, I should hardly go as far as that if I were you. Not probably, say possibly."

The Italian Opera Company, which is doing good business in Manila, is coming to Hong Kong shortly.

Taipo Bridge, in the New Territories, will be open to traffic each day from eight o'clock in the morning to one o'clock at night.

Chief Ye. ow Kidney, of the Glacier National Park, with his magic weasel tail wand is a prominent participant in all the Blackfoot tribal gatherings.

CONTROL OF THE WEATHER.

The possibility of controlling weather conditions, at least partly, was announced as a future possibility by Prof. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale University, Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., in a recent article. He pointed out that over 100,000 people perish each year in the United States alone because of fluctuating weather conditions. There is no doubt, he says, that eventually the secret that will give mastery of the weather will be learned.

A Musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 20th January, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets including tea 50 cents each, must be booked at the Secretary's office before noon on the 19th inst.—Advt.

During a fog in Paris which is described as being equal to London's worst fogs, the electric light failed, and people stood grouped in the utter darkness. The Bourse was disorganised, and closed in chaos. Banks locked up the cash in drawers. A number of robberies were reported.

A poignant tragedy occurred at Chelmsford, Essex. Mrs. Chapman and her son cycled into the town to buy a wreath for the grave of her daughter, who was to be buried the same day. When the mother was returning home a motor car knocked her down and killed her before the eyes of her son, who was behind, carrying the wreath.

Lucknow's new railway station, which is said to be the best in India, was opened by His Excellency Sir William Marris on December 13. The scheme cost Rs. 73 lakhs. A feature of the new station is the comfortable accommodation for third-class passengers, who have been provided with a large waiting hall for use in the monsoon. During the ceremony it was stated similar stations would be erected at Alahabad and Cawnpore.

Characterizing the statements made in a letter as an extremely wicked libel in every way, and declaring that from the evidence before him the plaintiff was a perfectly honest man and Mrs. Spencer a perfectly moral woman, Judge Peter Grain rendered judgment in favour of the plaintiff, L.M.J. Dohse, against the defendant W. H. Spencer in H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai and awarded the plaintiff the full amount of the damages claimed, namely $1,000. The defendant was also ordered not to repeat the libel and an injunction was made restraining him from taking the allegations made in the libel to any other Court.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

London, Dec. 31.—Miss Betty Balfour, the English film star, is reported to be virtually out of danger, after a serious illness of pneumonia in Paris.

Mr. G. U. Farrant, who was for many years head of Fraser and Co., Singapore, and who married the eldest daughter of Sir John Anderson, the former Governor, has taken up farming in Somerset, having bought Milligan Hall, Bishop's Hull, near Taunton.

For about six years tutor to the ex-Emperor of China, Mr. R. F. Johnston, C.B.E., arrived in the Colony during the week-end on board the N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakosan Maru". He has been in London in connection with the Boxer Indemnity question and is bound for Tientsin.

Queen Mary had a stand-up "snack" lunch the other day, for the first time, when visiting one of the many philanthropic institutions in which she takes such a keen interest (says the "Sunday Chronicle.") Her Majesty very much enjoyed the meal, which consisted of bread and cheese and tea.

There is no more fascinating study than the study of coincidence. Why, for example, should Mr. Harold Spender have chosen as the title of his reminiscences "The Fire of Life" (just published by Hodder and Stoughton at 15s.), using as superscription these words from Walter Savage Landor:—

"I warmed both hands before the fire of Life,
It sinks and I am ready to depart."

Within a short time after finishing his book he was dead. The "Methodist Times" asks: Could he have had an inkling of departure time?

A Singapore paper says that among those who expect to go on holiday early this year are the following:—The Hon. the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Peel, the Hon. Mr. Ritchie, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Rich, Mr. Grant, Mackie, the Hon. Mr. Choo Kia-peng and Mrs. Choo Kia-peng, Mrs. R. W. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Stamford Raffles, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daly, Mrs. Keer, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ross, Mr. H. R. Joynt, Mr. and Mrs. Joachim, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings, the Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mathews, Mrs. Sydney Morgan, and Mr. C. S. Alexander.

Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, the playwright, who underwent a serious operation, is steadily improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennys and Master Dennys returned to the Colony yesterday by the N.Y.K. "Hakusan Maru" from London. Mr. Dennys is a solicitor, partner in the firm of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys & Bowley.

The King is considering the promotion of the Prince of Wales to the ranks of Rear-Admiral in the Navy and Major-General in the Army, and there is a possibility that this will be done shortly. His Royal Highness has long passed the age when these ranks were conferred upon the Heir-Aparent to the Throne in the past, but it is understood that this delay has been at the desire of the Prince himself.

LORD READING

London, Dec. 30.—In consequence of the resignation of Viscount Allenby, the Marquess of Reading has been appointed to the captaincy of Deal Castle.

GOING EAST.

The Ranee of Sarawak has left England with her eldest daughter to join the Rajah in Borneo. The Ranee is the daughter of Lord and Lady Esher, and is a successful novelist. Her eldest daughter was known to the natives as Princess Gold, but that was before the days when she and her sisters were bobbed. Her official title is the Dayang Leonora of Sarawak.

Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, son of the late Sir Hiram Wilkinson, and until recently a Judge of H. M. High Court at Weihaiwei, was called to the Bar in the Belfast Appeal Court on November 25.

Sir Francis Lacey, formerly secretary of the M.C.C., was married quietly in London on December 11 to Mrs. Marshal Campbell Walker, an enthusiastic follower of cricket and daughter of an Australian. Mr. W. Findlay, Sir Francis Lacey's successor at the M.C.C., was best man.

The French pianist, Mme. Germaine Schnitzer, who has left London for New York, following a tour of the provinces, told me (says a "Daily News" writer) that the finest thing she saw in underrated Great Britain was Edinburgh. "I was enthralled," she said, "by its beauty and majesty, by its unspoilt, untouched history. Edinburgh is the loveliest city I have visited."

The following deaths were announced in mail week: Dr. Samuel Noble, who covered an extensive Lakeland district on horseback, and athough nearly 80 volunteered for service in the Great War and worked 16 hours a day examining military recruits at Kendal, in his 90th year. The Rev. Albert E. Raw, who entered the Wesleyan Methodist Ministry in 1886, and for 22 years was an Army Chaplain. Mr. T. W. B. Faulkner, who for many years held various foreign Vice-Consularships, at Cowes, Isle of Wight, aged 65.

Mr. Walter Runciman has left London for a few days' stay in Eigg, the picturesque and historic island in the Hebrides, which he owns. I was looking at a series of handsome photographs of his island home which Mr. Runciman has taken (says a "Daily News" writer.) There is romance in the notion of owning an island; and in Eigg there is apparently nothing to destroy the glamour of noble scenery, the everchanging seascape, Gaelic names, old superstitions—and such enchanting visions in the dim distance as the Coolin Hills of Skye or the rugged contours of Rum. One of the curious features of the isle is that strange formation of basalt known as the Scuir of Eigg. This towering height, which looks like a monolith erected by some forgotten race to an unknown god, is believed to be the product of the lava flow from the great volcanic upheavals which threw up the neighbouring isle of Rum.

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SPORTS SECTION

F. A. CUP.

Draw For the Fourth Round.

CORINTHIANS v. NEWCASTLE.

London, Jan. 10.

In the 2nd round of the Football Association Cup to-day, Oldham lost to Brentford by 2 goals to 4. —Reuter.

[On Saturday the match (also played at Oldham) was abandoned 15 minutes from the end when Oldham were leading by 2 goals to 1. Brentford gain the right of visiting West Ham on Jan. 29.]

London, Jan. 10.

To-day the draw was made for the 4th round of the F. A. Cup (to be played on Jan. 29 on the first-named grounds) and resulted as follows:—

Southampton v. Birmingham.
Bournemouth or Liverpool v. Southport.
Leeds v. Bolton.
West Ham v. Brentford.
Sheffield Wednesday v. South Shields.
Derby v. Millwall.
Clapton Orient or Port Vale v. Arsenal.
Reading or Manchester United v. Bristol Rovers or Portsmouth.
Fulham v. Burnley.
Corinthians v. Newcastle.
Barnsley v. Swansea.
Hull v. Everton.
Chelsea v. Accrington.
Darlington v. Cardiff.
Wolverhampton v. Notts. Forest.
Preston N.E. v. Middlesborough.
—Reuter.

One of the best attractions will be that between the Corinthians (England's best amateur team) and Newcastle United (a famous Cup team, twice winners of the trophy, and strong in the League this year). Newcastle won 8-1 on Saturday and the Corinthians won 4-0. The former played at home and the latter away; and the draw is just the reverse this time.

Bolton Wanderers, the holders, are again drawn away, after having won at Blackpool on Saturday.

YACHTING.

LADIES' 6TH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

Fourteen boats competed yesterday in the sixth championship race for ladies of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The course (six miles) was from the Club to the "Titania," Kowloon Rocks and back to the Club.

The order on corrected time (i.e., according to handicap) is given below, with the actual finishing order in parenthesis:—

Handicap Class: — Colleen (2nd), Dorothea (4), La Linda (3rd), Diana (1st), Falcon (5th).

Combined Class (One Design, Heyward Hays and Gael):—Boojum (1st), Bluenose (3rd), Thecla (8th), Pierrette (5th), Why Wonder? (4th), Daphne (2nd), Joan (7th), Zephyr (9th), Ailsa (6th).

POINT-TO-POINT.

MOUNTED INFANTRY'S OPEN RACE.

On Sunday at 10.30 a.m., the Mounted Infantry of the Volunteers will hold an open six miles point-to-point race near Fanling, in the New Territories.

The start will be at the foot of the hill below Mody's Bungalow, near the Hunters' Arms, thence across the river around Lau Wai Sui Hang village, then around Kwanti stables and out across the branch railway to the foothills, where there will be a flag, then straight in to the starting point.

The course is the shape of half an octagon. Two of the river fordings are eliminated. There will now be only one fording and one bridge to cross.

FAR EAST OLYMPIAD.

Calcutta is preparing to send a party of athletes to compete in the Far Eastern Olympiad at Shanghai in August next, and already the process of selection has commenced and during the past week tests for swimming events were held under the auspices of the Calcutta Swimming and Sports Association who have been delegated the task by the Bengal Olympic Association who, on their part, are responsible for selecting the swimmers from the Province. An All-India test will be held in February on the results of which the final selections will be made.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

THE PRINCIPAL MATCHES.

London, Dec. 18.

Results of matches played to-day under Rugby Union rules are as follows:—

Birkenhead 21, Old Edwardians 0.
Harlequins 36, Gloucester 7.
Leicester 11, Bristol 3.
Liverpool 3, Bradford 32.
Lanelly 9, Newport 9.
London Welsh 17, Northampton 9.
Old Merchant Taylors 21, United Services Portsmouth 3.
Richmond 11, Blackheath 8.
Rosslyn 6, London Scottish 13.
Aberavon 16, Cross Keys 10.
Edinburgh Wanderers 0, Edinburgh Academicals 12.
Edinburgh Institute 4, Heriotonians 13.
Neath 21, Swansea 0.
Glasgow High School 36, Royal High School 0.
Stewartonians 13, Hartlepools 8.
Cardiff 22, Guy's Hospital 10.
Mosley 3, Coventry 14.

'Varsity Match.

London, Dec. 20.

Under Rugby Union rules to-day, Cambridge University beat Edinburgh Academicals, by 19 points to 8.

North Ireland beat Oxford University by 14 points to 8.

$10,000 GOLF.

WON BY EX-EDINBURGH PLAYER.

BOBBY CRUICKSHANK.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.

Bobby Cruickshank of Shackamaxon, a native of Edinburgh, won the $10,000 golf tournament with an aggregate score of 282 strokes.

Charles Guest of Los Angeles and E. Dudley of Dakhill, tied for second place with 288 each.—Reuter's American Service.

BETTING TAX.

1ST MONTH'S SUBSTANTIAL YIELD.

LESS "ENTERTAINMENT."

London, Dec. 18.

The substantial yield from the betting tax in the first month of its operation has been considerably offset by the loss in entertainments tax due to the diminution in the number of racegoers at even small courses where the local population might be expected to give their support.

Meetings, despite the tax figures, show heavy treasury losses.

LAWN TENNIS.

THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

On March 1, the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, including the Colony's (men's) open championships, will begin.

LEADING AMERICAN "FLAT" RACE JOCKEY.

Earl Sande, the famous American jockey, is shown being warmly congratulated by Mr. Samuel Riddle after he rode Crusader to victory in the Riggs Handicap, over a course of a 2½ miles, winning by two lengths. Mr. Riddle's coffers will be enriched to the extent of $21,450 by Sand's good horsemanship. Crusader is the son of Man o' War.

SECOND TEST.

M.C.C. BEAT ALL-INDIA BY 4 WICKETS.

A THRILLING FINISH.

Calcutta, Jan. 8.

In a thrilling finish the M.C.C. defeated All India in the second unofficial test at Calcutta to-day by four wickets.

The first innings scores were: All India 146, M.C.C. 233. The All India second innings concluded with a total of 269.

Set with 183 to win, the M.C.C. lost Sandham early, but Wyatt played a great innings and made 97 not out. He won the match with Geary, taking the score from 145 for six to the total necessary.

RUGBY TROUBLE.

ALL BLACKS & N. U. CLUBS.

MANAGER & SELECTION.

London, Dec. 22.

The Rugby League Council, who financed the tour, met at Manchester to-day to review the position relating to the domestic troubles of the All-Blacks and Northern Union Clubs.

The troubles began before the team landed in England.

The present crisis was reached owing to Manager Mair, who, at the behest of the League Council, stood down from the Selection Committee of the All Blacks and decided to resume control, whereupon seven players refused to play.

Demand For "End."

The League Secretary announced that everything politic had been made public, and therefore the Press had not been admitted.

There is a demand from several Clubs that the tour should be ended forthwith, as England has won two Tests.

The Managers announced that the seven rebellious players would not be utilised again, so that the team cannot in any way be representative.

Dispute Settled.

London, Dec. 22.

The Rugby League Council has settled the New Zealand dispute by ruling that Mr. Mair must not act as manager until after Jan. 10. This has been accepted.

BOXER'S RUSE.

NEW YORK OFFICIALS ALMOST DECEIVED.

TWO TWIN BROTHERS.

New York, Dec. 18.

The diminutive twin boys, Joe and Tom Rizzo, who are as alike as red hair and freckles could make them, nearly succeeded in hoaxing the officers of the New Jersey Athletic Club, when Tom, who had trained to meet weight requirements, first outpointed his opponent and then retired to the dressing room, from which Joe, fresh and heavier, issued and knocked his antagonist out.

But the ruse was discovered when the boys made the mistake of departing together.

Llanelly defeated the Maori Rugby team by three points to none.

Mr. Reid Walker's Inca won the Grosvenor Cup at Liverpool race meeting.

Abbot's Smile, who finished first in the Markeaton Plate at Derby, was disqualified, the race being awarded to the dead-heaters, Embargo and Inca.

Brigadier-General C. Lambton's Attentive, an outsider, won the Saltiaford Plate at Warwick by eight lengths from Buoyant, with Her Excellency third.

LONDON ROBBERY.

£10,000 LOSS TO HARROD'S STORES.

THREE MEN'S 12 HOURS.

London, Dec. 31.

The most daring and perfectly planned burglary in recent years was carried out last night, at Harrod's Stores, S. W. Jewelry estimated to be worth £10,000 is missing, and at present there is no clue.

At least three men must have been concerned. Concealing themselves somewhere inside before the Stores closed on Wednesday, they spent nearly 12 hours in the building, during which they broke through 14 doors, prised open 12 strong jewelry cases, and stole at least 2,000 articles of jewelry, packing them in four stolen suit cases.

They had a meal of stolen fruit on the divan in the furnishing department. They also removed two tons of furniture, which was impeding their escape through a secret door. They entered a motor car with the booty, under a policeman's eyes, and vanished.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

January 11—Queen's Theatre; "Greed."

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January 11—Isako's Circus at Kowloon, Chatham Road, 9.15 p.m.

January 12—Cathedral Male Voice Choir gives concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall, in aid of Repair Fund of St. Peter's Church, 9 p.m.

January 20—Musicale at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

Sport.

January 22—Entries for the forthcoming races close at 3 p.m.

Auction.

January 14—Household furniture will be auctioned at No. 532, the Peak (Magazine Gap) by Messrs. Lammert Bros., at 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

January 12—Meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild at West Point, 5 p.m.

January 14—Annual meeting of the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant. (St. David's Society) at the offices of Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master, 5.30 p.m.

January 20—Extraordinary general meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 2.30 p.m.

January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 11—President and members of Committee of St. David's Society "at home" to all members of the Society and their Welsh friends in Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

January 11—Congregation for the conferring of degrees at the University of Hong Kong, 4 p.m.

January 17—Lecture by Mr. A. H. Crook, on "Are we going West?" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 17—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society's first Rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore, at Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 20—H. K. Philharmonic Society's second rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore, at Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

January 21—Hong Kong Automobile Association dinner dance, 8 p.m. to midnight.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 11, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Bond Society.
T.T on London	1/11½	1/11½	1/11½
T.T. on Shanghai	79·7/8	79⅞	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1120 b 1125sa	1110 b	1120 b
do. London	£1·15 n	—	111½ n
Chartered Bank	£21 n	£21 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£32 n	£32 n	—
do. C.	£13⅞ n	£13⅞ n	—
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ b	£10 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	80 s	76 n
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	645 b	650 s	$640 s
China Underwriters	1.45 n	1 b	1.20 s
North China Insurance	T145 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	290 sa	289 b	290 s
Yangtze Insurance	$43 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b 616½sa	615 b.	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	28½ b	29½ b
Hongkong Steamboats	25½ s	26 s	25 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2¼ n.	1½ s
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	32 b	30 n.	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transports	92½ b.	92/3 b	88/- n.
Star Ferries	58¼ b	58½ b	58½ b
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	16 s
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	22 s	21 s
Malabon Sugars	36 n	35 s	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1.40 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- n	42/6 n.	47/- n
Langkats (Combined)	$25 n	25 n	25 n
do. (Single)	T2¼ n	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	T4½ n	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	T8 n	8 n	—
Raubs	4½ n	3.40 b	3½ n.
Tronoh Mines	21/- n	21/- b	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	113 sa	112½ b 113sa	112½ b
H.K. & W. Docks	45 s	40 b 41½ s	43 s
Hongkews	T170 n	—	170 n.
New Engineerings	T6 n	6 n	6 n
Shanghai Docks	T110 n	115 n	113 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	8 s	7½ b.& sa	7¼ s
Hongkong Lands	54½ b	54 b 17¾ s	54½ b
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 s	6 s
H.K. Territorial	3 s.	3 s.	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14½ s	14 s	13½ s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1½ n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T9 10 s	9 15 n	9 n
Orientals	T2¾ n	2.90 n	2¾ n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54 n	54 n	54 n.
do. (new)	T27 n	28 n	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n.	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	10 s	9 n	8 b
do. (old)	9 n.	7¾ n	6½ b
do. (new)	1¾ b	1¼ n	1½ b
China Buses	0½ b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	16 s	16 s	16 n
do. (old)	13 s.	11½ s	12 n.
do. (new)	9¾ s	8½ s	8 n
China Prov.	5 s	5 s	4¾ s
Dairy Farms	18¼ n	18.40 n	18¼ s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements.	15¾ n	15¾ s	15½ b
H.K. Constructions	2 b	1.90 b	2 b
Hongkong Electrics	58 b	57½ b 58sa	57½ b 58 sa
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	10 s	9½ s
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	22¼ b	22¼ b 22½ s	22¼ b
Lane, Crawfords	8 n.	7 s	7 s
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ b.	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	7½ n	8 n	7½ s
Sinceres	9½ s	9.10 b	9 b
Singapore Trams	13/- s	10/- b	11/- s
Taxis	2 s	1 s	80 Cts n
United Asbestos (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	13 n	13¼ s	13 n
Wm. Powells	6½ n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3¾ s 3½ sa	3.40 b	3½ n

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 11th January 1927.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	1/11½
" On demand	1/-11-9/16
" 30 day's sight	—
" 4 months' sight	1/11-¾
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/-9/16
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/-11/16
On Paris—	
On demand	1190
Credits, 4 months' sight	1350
On Berlin—	
On demand	nom.
On New York—	
On demand	47½
Credits, 60 days' sight	49½
On Bombay—	
Wire	
On demand	130½
On Calcutta—	
Wire	
On demand	130½
On Singapore—	
On demand	84½
On Manila—	
On demand	99½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	97
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$9.95
Silver (per oz.)	25.3/16
Bar Silver in Hongkong	2 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	8 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	1 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	17 % dr.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	2 % prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, January 10

Paris	123 7/16
New York	4.85½
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.16
Amsterdam	12.12½
Milan	112½
Berlin	20.38
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.20½
Oslo	19.01½
Vienna	34.40½
Prague	163½
Helsingfors	192½
Madrid	30.67½
Lisbon	2 17/32
Bombay	1/5 3/64
Shanghai	2/3
Hongkong	1/11½
Yokohama	2/0 3/16
Silver Spot	25 3/16
Forward	25 1/16

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ON LADY STRATHCONA'S £6,600,000 ESTATE.

The estate of Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal, of Glencoe, Argyll, and of Green Street, Park-lane, W., daughter of the first Lord Strathcona, one of the makers of modern Canada, has been declared at £6,687,863, and the estimated death duty is £2,166,780.

The personal estate in Great Britain is £3,847,016 and exclusive of Great Britain £1,689,253. Other personal estate is £1,122,853.

Most of the bequests have been published.

A BEAR THAT PLAYS FOOTBALL.

Bruin, the bear mascot of the football team at California University, has been banished from the sidelines during games, because of the undue interest he showed in a recent game when he dashed on the field and tried to tackle one of the players. He also pursued the ball at the wrong time, so now he is chained to the grandstand beside the "fans" who shout.

Wakefield Declines Captaincy.

London, Dec. 18.

W. Wakefield (Harlequins), while still available for rugger internationals if selected, has requested the English selectors not to consider him for captaincy owing to business claims.

He captained England during the last three seasons.

London, Dec. 16.

Under Rugby Union rules, to-day, Cambridge University beat Edinburgh University by six points to three, at Edinburgh; and Dublin Wanderers beat Oxford University by eight points to three.

Surrey's Victory.

London, Dec. 15.

Under Rugby Union rules Portsmouth Services beat Guy's Hospital by 19 points to 6.

In the Rugby County Championship, Surrey beat Eastern Counties by 11 points to nil, at Southend.

Warwickshire beat Notts, Lancashire, and Derbyshire by 19 points to 3, at Derby.

RACING AT HOME.

CITY & SUB. TO BE A PLATE RACE.

London, Dec. 16.

The "Racing Calendar" announces that the City and Suburban, which has hitherto been a sweepstake of the value of £1,100 to £1,300 will henceforward be a plate to the value of £2,000, the owner of the winner receiving £1,670.

CAPT. E. W. MORRIS.

Captain E. W. Morris, Hong Kong's Interport cricketer and golfer, has gone to Shanghai for a short stay. He was in the last Hong Kong golf team which, at Shanghai, lost in the replay (after a tie) and he played here against Shanghai at cricket in November.

His duties as honorary secretary of the United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, have been taken over by Captain Charles.

Opposing Newport on their own ground in a Rugby football match, the Oxford University team were beaten by 33 points to 7.

Entry forms will be available in a day or two, to close on Jan. 29.

The events will be as usual, viz., open singles, open doubles, club championship, handicap singles "A" and "B," handicap doubles, mixed doubles handicap.

Of the leading players in the last tournament, Ho Ka-lau and Captain R. H. P. West, R.M., have left the Colony. Another Chinese "star" in Wei Wing-lok may leave Hong Kong before March 1 and those expected to be available are:—

T. Honda (singles champion in 1926 and 1924), Ng Sze-kwong (six years champion), S. E. Green (ex-champion), H. R. B. Hancock (ex-champion), H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn (doubles champions in 1925 and 1926), Ng Sze-cheung, M. W. Lo, M. K. Lo, Col. C. Russell Brown, Major W. B. Stevenson, Prof. R. E. Tottenham, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Yew Man-tsun, Captain A. G. Dobbie.

OLD JOCKEY'S DEATH.

London, Dec. 18.

The death is announced of Charles Maidment, the famous old-time jockey, at the age of 82. He won every notable race, including the Derby, between 1872 and 1876.

Cambridge University Rugby XV. defeated Dublin University by 15 points to 8.

Nothing Venture won the Leicestershire Handicap by a neck from Helter Skelter, with Gifted third.

The Rugby Football Union have adopted the laws of the International Board for the remainder of the current season.

An Irish-trained mare, Grecian Wave, won the Grand Sefton Steeplechase at Liverpool.

All athletic relations between Princeton and Harvard have been broken off. A suggestion by Harvard that Michigan should be given the place of Princeton in the football fixture list gave rise to the quarrel.

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RADIO TOPICS

READING & RADIO.

DUCHESS IN FAVOUR OF BOOKS.

The Duchess of Atholl, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, speaking at the jubilee celebration meeting in connection with the Hackney Downs Schools, formerly known as the Grocers' Company School, said that were some who thought that wireless would take the place of reading, but however much they might welcome the introduction of broadcasting into their homes, or however much pleasure they might derive from it, let them not think that broadcasting could ever do what a good book could do for them.

For one thing, no matter how wide might be the scope of the programme of the Broadcasting Corporation, they could not get the same opportunity of choice in any programme presented as in the case of books from good library. The choice of those excellent people responsible for broadcasting might be quite admirable, but after all human nature was infinite in its variety and taste, and she would be sorry indeed if any, especially British boys, could be found ready to go through life entirely dependent upon the choice and selection of someone else.

NOT RIVALS.

RADIO AND PHONOGRAPH IN SAME ROOM.

"Wireless is all right, but I think I would sooner have a phonograph."

This remark is sometimes heard when conversation turns on the subject of having a set in the home. The statement is interesting because it indicates, to an extent, how the average man who does not possess a radio set regards wireless. Evidently he thinks of wireless and the phonograph as rivals, fulfilling the same function, and no need to bother about the other.

This point of view is only half correct. Both provide musical entertainment, but there the comparison ends. The phonograph brings into the home reproductions of the voices of the world's best (and sometimes worst) artists; it supplies a means whereby those records may be reproduced at will. It takes, as it were, the nightingale trill of a Melba and carves its wonderful likeness in stone, there for all the world to use, and for all the generations who will come after. That is the marvellous achievement of the phonograph, and in setting out the advantages of radio there is no need to decry Edison's invention.

Cup Broadcast.

One of the differences between the two is that radio deals with the thing that is; the phonograph with the thing that has been. There is an important psychological difference. The record was made months ago; the radio singer is singing now.

Radio combines musical entertainment with news, and the latter phase is growing. Nowadays few important social or sporting fixtures are left unchronicled by the broadcaster. This constitutes the vital difference between the two. Wireless gives one the thing that is happening now—whether it be a song, a story, a Lord Mayor's reception, or a horse race. Those who listened to the broadcast description of a race will understand that radio serves a purpose beyond the scope of the phonograph. There is room for both inventions.

For the last transmission by the British Broadcasting Company, on New Year's Eve, a special programme traced the growth of broadcasting in Britain from its earliest days.

NOTES FOR ROVERS.

RESHUFFLE BY GERMAN STATIONS.

There has been a slight reshuffle of wave lengths among six German stations in time for the general change over to the Geneva scheme. This does not involve any departure from the general principle laid down by the International Office that, to avoid interference, stations using exclusive wave lengths must be separated by a frequency of ten kilocycles a second. All the stations involved in the readjustment have exclusive wave lengths. —Germany was allotted twelve altogether—and it does not seem that the change over will make a great deal of difference to British listeners who go roving. Under the new arrangement Frankfurt has exchanged wave lengths with Hamburg, Hamburg with Leipzig, Leipzig with Breslau, Breslau with Konigsberg, and Konigsberg with Munster. Of these stations, Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Leipzig, all of which work on high power, are most familiar to British listeners. As far as Frankfurt is concerned the new adjustment is probably meant to make the change less drastic for local listeners, though there will still be a big alteration when the station drops to 428.6 metres, while Hamburg will only have to alter its present wave length to 394.7 metres. Leipzig in any event had to slide a long way down the scale, and changing over with Breslau to 357.1, has only slightly helped matters.

Typical Roumanian peasants, utilising their yard for shelling corn and for storage of a winter's supply of dried fruits and herbs.

CLEARING MUZZY SIGNALS.

It is frequently possible to receive a distant station at fair strength and to hold it, but signals are so distorted that reception is of no practical value. It will usually be found that when this muzziness occurs the vanes of the variable condenser tuning the aerial circuit are either all out or all in. This points to the use of coils too small or too large, and the remedy will be obvious.

If, however, distortion takes place when the condenser seems to be tuning well within a reasonable wave-band, the grid-leak should be substituted, and, after that, the grid condenser.

It is assumed that when this distortion occurs the reaction is not being pushed too far. If it is, uncouple, and, to get that very fine adjustment required, use a geared coil holder. A better plan perhaps under certain circumstances is to plug back the H.T., thus reducing the plate potential of the first valve.

ROUND THE EMPIRE RADIO.

Details of a broadcasting scheme to link up the British Empire were given by Mr. G. L. Marshall, Glasgow broadcasting station director, in an address to the Publicity Club.

He said that transmissions from Daventry would be received at Picton, New Brunswick, and conveyed across Canada by land line to Vancouver Island, where they would be retransmitted to Fanning Island, in the Pacific, and thence to Sydney, New South Wales.

The signals would then be relayed to New Zealand and simultaneously sent by land line to Perth, then on to Bombay, and eventually back to Keston, Kent, through a repeater station in Cyprus, thus encircling the globe.

The scheme was, he thought, going to be put into operation and would cost at least £1,000,000.

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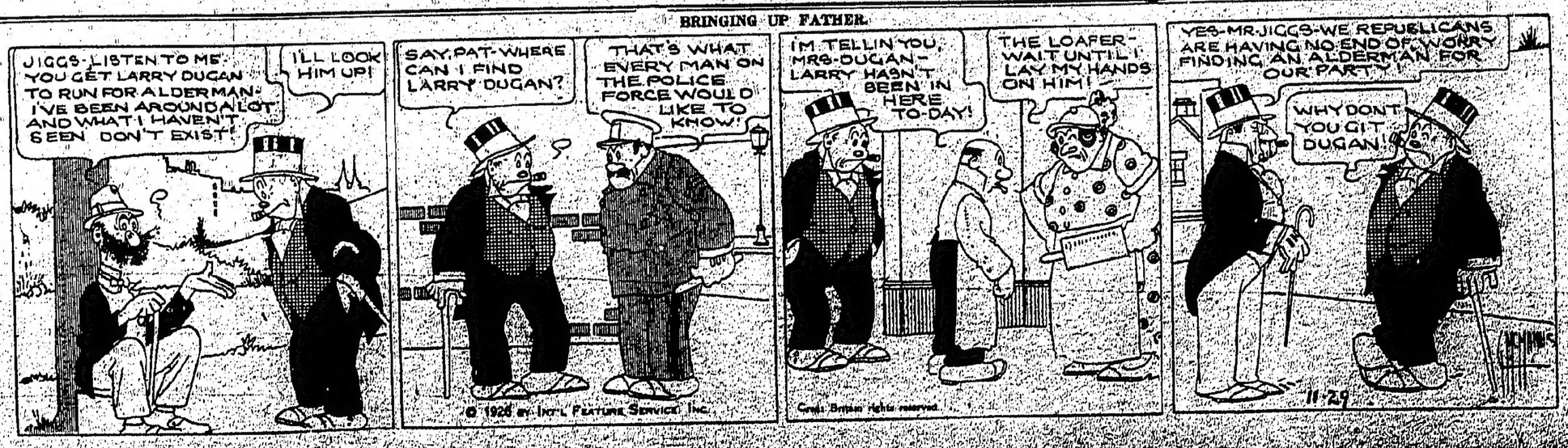

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THE WAY THE WORLD W[illegible]

M. Daeschner, the French Ambassador to Turkey, has left Constantinople for Angora.

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An effort is being made to raise £25,000 to lay out 40 additional acres of ground as an extension of the Zoological Park at Edinburgh.

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During the fog a "cat" thief gained access to the house of Mrs. A. J. Jessel, of Gloucester-square, Hyde Park, W., and stole jewellery valued at £800.

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Mrs. Mabel Gertrude Louise Vary, who was going to Syston, Leicestershire, from Mombasa, died from cerebral hæmorrhage on the voyage to Plymouth.

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In heavy weather Harry Smith, aged 20, of Kessingland, Suffolk, dived from a Lowestoft trawler and rescued one of the crew who had fallen overboard.

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Prosecutions of listeners who are evading payment of the broadcasting licence fee are impending all over the country. Special efforts to track such listeners are being made by the Post Office.

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The Victoria Point wireless station, the discontinuance of which led to the long silence of Sir Alan Cobham on his return flight from Australia, has been reopened, says a Rangoon message.

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After having remained a mystery for 600 years, Roger Bacon's secret formula for the production of copper salts has been deciphered, and proved in laboratory tests by Professor William Newbold, of the University of Pennsylvania.

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A message from Ottawa states that the Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31 next, tabled in the House of Commons totalled $191,000,000 exactly the same sum as appeared in the Estimates submitted to the last Parliament, which were not passed.

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Presiding at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Lord D'Abernon urged that the Betting Tax should be modified so that the race fund should not be unduly starved. The first claim was that the tax should be levied on winnings, and not on turnover.

Epsom is to have a new passenger station, to cost £90,000.

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Professor Karl Eberth, formerly Director of the Pathological Institute at Halle, died on December 2 in his 92nd year. Professor Eberth is known to science as the discoverer of the typhus bacillus.

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Ten bronze masks, believed to be of Phœnician origin, are among a number of archæological remains which Professor Lacken, the Belgian scientist, has discovered in some caves to the south of Agadir.

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Owing to complaints that people queueing up for pit and gallery at the New Theatre, London, have been defrauded of money by men who h[illegible] "promised" to keep good seats [illegible] them, queues now book their a[illegible]ts under police protection.

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The execution of Henry McCabe for the murder of six persons at Malahide, Co., Dublin, has taken place in Dublin.

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The Queen has sent £100 in support of Mrs. Cecil Chesterton's scheme to provide lodging houses in London for homeless women.

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Of the £30,217 realised by the Aldershot Command searchlight tattoo, £13,361 17s. 11d. has been paid over to the Aldershot Command Trust.

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The death has occurred in Dublin of Dr. Bremen, the distinguished archæologist, and keeper of Irish antiquities in the National Museum.

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Vice-Admiral H. W. Grant, joint managing director of the Eastern Telegraph Company, has been elected to the board of the Western Telegraph Co.

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The Egyptian Government, according to the Cairo newspapers, intends to dispense with the services of all junior foreign officials on the expiry of their present contracts.

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Czecho-Slovakian politicians are seeking the aid of Poland with a view to forming a strong group of Slav nations to act as a barrier between Western Europe and Communistic Russia.

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Said to be the first case under the new Milk and Dairies Order, Messrs. J. Rose and Sons, of Lancaster Road, Kensington, were fined 10s. at Kensington for allowing milk to stand in uncovered pails in a passage.

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Major R. G. Meredith, R.A.M.C., of the British Rhine Army, stated to be a Londoner, dropped dead at the Quisisana Hotel, Wiesbaden, this being the third sudden death among R.A.M.C. officers in the town.

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The first international conference for women Socialists opened in Brussels, thirty delegates, representing eleven countries, being present. The British representatives included Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P., Dr. Marion Phillips, and Miss Dorothea Jewson.

Simplicity Stressed.

The Mode for Youth Demands a Smartness of Detail Which Lends Individuality.

The mode for youth is eternally simple in its line, but its smartness may be found in the individuality of its detail. A collar that is unusual, a sleeve that points to chic, a belt of colourful appeal, a stitching that creates interest—any of these may make the simplest frock one which is instantly marked for smartness.

Frocks which grace youth must be practical as well as chic. Youth is eternally active, and freedom of movement must be stressed. The one-piece dress for winter which is exhibited in Paris boasts a graceful outline even though it be trim in detail.

Colours are, as usual, vivid in the winter mode. After a summer season of pastel tints, the Autumn season opened with a riot of colour for contrast.

Just now, black is having a remarkable vogue. The black satin appears everywhere that smart folk assemble. Frequently it is livened by trimming which includes the new winter shades—magenta, royal blue, gold and Cardinal red.

The waistline appears fairly low in most Paris gowns. The back is often bloused. Panels appear on all sides. The two-piece frock is again seen boasting an odd sleeve. Circular flounces, berthas, wide sleeves, dolman sleeves and puffed sleeves are a few of the innovations which will mark a brilliant winter season.

Constance Talmadge, who is seen wearing several novel costumes in the First National film, "The Duchess of Buffalo," has selected a new gown of charming simplicity for one of the scenes. It is of black satin with interesting sleeves gaily embroidered in blue and gold.

Hats Reach New Heights in Chic.

The popularity of the very large hat during the spring and summer season has permanently threatened the chic of the cloche for all occasions—and principally in felts. Felts now—and have been—sharing their smartness with hats of other materials. The winter season, too, brings into vogue a hat of new lines and choosing new fabrics to weave its smartness.

Brims vary from nothing at all to brims of great dimensions. The very large Milan has been succeeded by the large Moire, the wide brimmed felt, the satin hat and the velvet, all with sweeping lines of graceful appeal and formal tendencies.

A Parisian version of the very large hat is one with a stovepipe crown which for some reason is called "square"—and a brim which flatteringly shades the eyes. Its brim is slightly larger in front but the back, while possessing less width, droops equally low and almost touches the neck. These hats possess little in the way of trimming and are satisfied with an almost tailored bow either in the front or in the back and usually find moire ribbon—or velvet—a smart means of decoration.

A hat for more informal occasions which is very chic in its lines is the very tall, brimmed hat. The crown is of the "square" variety and while it possesses a brim, it is so tiny as to be almost invisible. This new hat usually confines itself to gros-grain ribbon trimming in very tailored version of a bow in fancy designs and in contrasting colours. The hats themselves are smart in beige, yellow, rust and brown. Felts, gros-grain ribbon, with incrustations of coloured ribbons are the smartest examples of these hats.

Hats which feature crowns that do not climb the scale of the "square" sisters, are draped to make them different. These drapped crowns are new interpretations of the beret hat and add a fairly wide brim to complete their novelty. They possess creases at varying points which are apt to run across the hat rather than from front to back. The beret influence is also seen in the draped hat of tam-o-shanter tendencies which is so smart in silks.

The felt, of course, in very light weight, is still popular and is seen in many new models. Just now it is sharing favour with the moire hat which comes in hats of charming simplicity of line and detail—and a fairly wide brim.

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Prohibition of exchange of clubbed letters between Hong Kong and the following countries: China, Netherland Indies, Federated Malay States and Straits Settlements which was to come into force on the 1st January, 1927, will not come into force until the 1st April, 1927.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.	
Shanghai	Linan
Shanghai	Sinkiang
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Tamba Maru
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.	
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Oanfa
Straits	Tilawa
Straits	Fooksang
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai and London via Canada (London 15th Dec. 1926.)	Empress of Russia
Japan	Suwa Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only London 16th Dec.)	Talamba
Manila	Pres. Cleveland
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16.	
EUROPE via Negapatam (Papers, only London 16th Dec. 1926)	Hong Hwa
MONDAY, JANUARY 17.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Garfield
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18	
Japan	Aki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—via Victoria B.C., 30th Jan. & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only). Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Pres. Grant	
Fort Bayard	Poosang	3 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Koochow	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hellas	430 p.m.
Swatow	Kwongsang	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.		
Bangkok	Chinhua	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.		
Saigon	Changchow	10.30 a.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong	Tsin	10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjisaroea	11.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	12.30 p.m.
Straits	Yuensang	1.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Noon
Swatow	Chenan	1.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mingsang	5 p.m.
Amoy	Fooksang	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	5 p.m.
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 25th Jan. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (15th Jan.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Taicing	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th Feb. Registration 6.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Suwa Maru	
Japan	Bakuyo Maru	10 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	2.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	3.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

DIPHTHERIA DEATH.

ALSO CASE OF DOG RABIES.

WEEKLY HEALTH RETURN.

Three deaths from diphtheria are reported for the week ending January 8 in the Medical Officer of Health's return. Altogether there were six cases reported (1 American, 5 Chinese and 1 imported). Two of the victims were resident in the Victoria district and two in Old and New Kowloon City.

One case of a dog suffering from rabies is also reported. So far as can be ascertained, the dog which was taken in Victoria, had not bitten any human being.

Also included in the returns is a case of puerperal fever from which a Chinese died.

During yesterday, 1 (Chinese) case of cerebro-spinal fever was reported.

THE NEW SEAT.

CANTON'S NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT.

NANCHANG, NOT WUCHANG.

The headquarters of the Nationalist Government and the Central Kuomintang will be temporarily established at Nanchang in Kiangsi province.

This decision was made by the Kuomintang Central Executive Council.

On arrival there from Canton of the party of Kuomintang and Government officials, headed by Mr. Chang Ching-kiang and General Tan Yen-kai, a provisional conference was held of the Kuomintang delegates. It was then decided that this step was advisable in order to facilitate (says the "Canton Gazette") the transaction of military operations in the south-east continue.

TROUBLE IN STREET.

"And then you joined in" observed Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to one of three women charged with creating a disturbance in the street last night. After hearing Police evidence, his Worship fined the women $1 each.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday, at 5.30 p.m., left Nagasaki today, at 6 a.m., and is due at Kobe on January 12, at 6 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai to-day, at 8.30 a.m., leaves Shanghai on January 12, at 4 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on January 14.

The P. and O. s.s. "Talamba" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 9, at noon, and is due here on Jan. 14, at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 7, and is due here on Jan. 13, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong on January 14.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 18, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

The following have been re-elected as members of Leith Dock Commission: — By the shipowners, Sir James Wishart Thomson, K.B.E.; by the Leith dock ratepayers, Mr. Patrick J. Pringle and Mr. Thomas Aitken Wright.

Berlin, January 10.—The death is announced of Mr. Houston Chamberlain, son-in-law of Richard Wagner, the celebrated composer. Chamberlain, during the war, was notorious for his aggressive attitude towards the British. He was a naturalised German, and, both before and during the war, was a perfervid admirer of everything Teutonic. As stated, he married Wagner's daughter, he himself being an accomplished musician.

TO STOP TROUBLE.

CANTON RAILWAYMEN'S UNIONS.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES.

Action has been taken in the Canton dispute between railway employees and members of the Mechanic Workers' Union.

The following measures were decided upon by the Canton Branch of the Political Council at its 5th Conference:—

Further fighting between these two groups is strictly forbidden, in order to avoid further casualties.

The workers abducted by both sides are to be handed over to the Government immediately, to be dealt with according to law.

For the sake of avoiding future disputes, workers who have joined one union, should not be forced by another union to resign from the first union, and join the second.

As a means of keeping the workers in employment, those workers who have recently been forced by the members of opponent unions, to leave their positions on the railway, should resume their work.

The names of the workers of both parties who have been wounded should be reported to the Government for investigation and both parties will be ordered to give compensation and pay the expense of medical treatment.

The men responsible for the killing of workers of either faction should be handed over. Otherwise steps will be taken by the Government, quotes the "Canton Gazette."

CINEMA DISASTER.

TERRIBLE SCENES IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 10.

The latest reports are that 77 children are dead, whilst 30 persons have been sent to hospital.

The building was of two storeys, with four exits, two of which led from the balcony. When the alarm was given, the audience in the lower floor filed out in a most orderly manner, but panic broke out among children on the balcony, who, rushing to the exits, became jammed and piled up in a shrieking, suffocating mass.

Most of the deaths occurred on a thirty-foot spiral stairway leading to the street, which was a solid mass of children unable to move. The crush was so tight that twenty men tugged vainly for a long time on a rope tied around one body in a pile of dead and dying.

Holes had to be broken in a street wall to enable the victims to be handed to doctors and rescuers waiting outside. Help was too late for many, who were still living when extricated. Three young boys, gasping and crushed, were pulled out and gave their names, and then died.

Priests rushed to the scene and administered the last rites to those beyond help.

An attendant, describing the scene, said a fat woman blocked the stairway. He smashed a window and threw out children as fast as possible.

The scenes were most distressing, as parents sought out and recognised the bodies of their children, who were mostly aged seven to fifteen. One policeman summoned to the fire found his three children dead.

At the Morgue the coroner asked each bereaved parent if his child had permission to go to the cinema unaccompanied by an adult, and three-quarters answered "No."

Ameen Lawand, the cinema proprietor, Michael Arie, the assistant manager, Camil Bazzy, the chief attendant, and Alex Bazzy, ticket taker, all Syrians, have been taken to the detective bureau as witnesses at the inquest. Lawand was allowed bail, the remainder being detained all night long.—Reuter's American Service.

THIEVES $940 HAUL.

The accountant of the Aberdeen Motor Bus Company has reported to the Police that thieves broke into his quarters yesterday morning decamping with money and jewellery to the value of $940.

GERMAN POLITICS.

NEW CABINET BEING FORMED.

BOURGEOIS INTERESTS.

Berlin, Jan. 10.

After deliberating with the leaders of all parties, President Hindenburg has entrusted Dr. Curtius, Minister of Economics in the last Cabinet with the formation of a new government.

Dr. Curtius, who belongs to the Right Wing of the People's Party, desires to include in his Cabinet all the Bourgeois Parties from the Democrats to the Nationalists.—Reuter.

[The German Government resigned on Dec. 17, owing to the Socialist vote of non-confidence being adopted by the Reichstag by 249 votes to 171.]

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

SUCCESS OF FIRST LONG FLIGHT.

Rugby, Jan. 10.

Commenting on the Air Minister's flight to Delhi, in which for the first time a long-distance flight has been conducted to a time-table calculated in minutes, the newspapers remark that the first official flight over the new Empire airway has established remarkable standards in reliability, punctuality and dispatch.

Throughout the flight the Air Ministry was informed by wireless of the position of the machine, and arrangements are proceeding for strengthening the wireless links on the route, until eleven stations are operating between Egypt and India.

The west-bound commercial service started on Friday, and the first east-bound machine leaves Egypt on Wednesday next and is due on the following afternoon at Basra, which is the terminus during the first three months.—British Wireless Service.

SURE INDEX.

FRANC AND THE SENATE ELECTIONS.

Paris, Jan. 10.

The stability of the franc, which remains in the region of 122 to the pound sterling is the best commentary on the results of the Senatorial elections, whereby the strength of the Parties is not changed and the position of the Government is not weakened.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

The senatorial results show that the Left Publicans have sustained eight net losses, the Radicals and Radical Socialists six, while the Socialists have gained eight. The Socialist communists and the Republican Socialists have each obtained two seats.—Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE.

TRIBUTE TO IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

Rugby, Jan. 10.

Following the completion of the flight of Sir Samuel Hoare from London to Delhi, the King has addressed a message of congratulation to Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of the imperial airways.

His Majesty says that such a feat augurs well for the future of the service and reflects great credit on the organising staff of the Imperial Airways Company as well as on the pilot and crew of the machine. — British Wireless Service.

NICARAGUA.

Managua, Jan. 10.

Las Perlas has been declared a neutral zone. A party of American sailors landed there yesterday without incident.—Reuter's American Service.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th January, 1927 to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 11th 1927.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR JAN., 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date January	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
" 11	7.06	5.57
" 12	7.06	5.58
" 13	7.06	5.58
" 14	7.06	5.59
" 15	7.06	6.00
" 16	7.06	6.00
" 17	7.06	6.01
" 18	7.05	6.02
" 19	7.05	6.02
" 20	7.05	6.03
" 21	7.05	6.04
" 23	7.05	6.05
" 24	7.05	6.06
" 25	7.05	6.06
" 26	7.04	6.07
" 27	7.04	6.08
" 28	7.04	6.09
" 29	7.04	6.10
" 30	7.03	6.10
" 31	7.03	6.11

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